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#### SUNDAY SPECIAL

### How (not) to flirt in the age of MeToo

When is a compliment flattering and when does it become creepy and offensive? In the post-Weinstein world, a look at how young people can navigate the complex world of dating and hooking up **P17**



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### ₹11,302 crore in banks unclaimed

As much as ₹11,302 crore belonging to over 3 crore account-holders is lying unclaimed with 64 banks, RBI data has revealed. Most of the deposits are likely to be that of account-holders who are dead, said Charan Singh, RBI chair professor at IIM-Bengaluru. **P13**

### Russia expels 23 British diplomats

Russia expelled 23 British diplomats on Saturday in a tit-for-tat move against the United Kingdom which has accused Moscow of orchestrating a nerve toxin attack on a former Russian double-agent. **P22**

### Pakistan pulls out of WTO meet

Tensions between India and Pakistan over alleged harassment of diplomats seem to have worsened with Pakistan deciding to pull out of the next week's WTO ministerial in Delhi. As reported by TOI, the Pakistani commerce minister also called off his visit to India. **P16**

### Sindhu loses in All England semis

PV Sindhu fought tough before losing to Akane Yamaguchi 21-19, 19-21, 18-21 in the semis of the All England badminton championships in Birmingham on Saturday. After losing the first game, Yamaguchi won the next two to set up a final against Tai Tzu Ying of Chinese Taipei. **P25**

#### SUNDAY BEST

Even in this Digital Age, a 25p postcard can spread a public interest message, improve sales, ignite friendship, spew venom, and light up lives — all with a personal touch. At the Chennai GPO, business heads are often seen sending inland letters as they believe trade secrets are best protected in inland letters than emails. **P2**



# Sonia targets 'power-drunk' Modi govt for 'dramebaazi'

## Cong Aims For UPA-Style Front For 2019 Polls

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New Delhi: Congress leaders Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi launched a trenchant attack on PM Narendra Modi on Saturday, dubbing his policies as "dramebaazi" and divisive, while the party's political resolution promised a "pragmatic approach" to unite like-minded parties to challenge BJP-RSS in 2019.

## Oppn peddling lies on MSP, PM tells farmers

Countering opposition's allegation that the Centre's MSP formula would fail to ease farmers' burden, PM Modi said on Saturday that many people were "spreading confusion and creating an atmosphere of despair". He assured farmers that all major costs incurred would be taken into account to fix the support price as promised in the budget, he said addressing a gathering at IARI grounds in Pusa. **P14**

## 'NO EVMs, NO SIMULTANEOUS POLLS'

### WHAT THE PARTY'S RESOLUTION SAYS

- Revert to paper ballot to ensure credibility of polls
- No simultaneous elections
- Debar defected legislators from contesting for six years
- Address disquiet in judiciary to protect it from vested interests
- BJP whipping up hysteria on counter-terrorism to divide polity
- PNB scam shows well-connected fraudsters allowed to escape
- Hindutva is a political ideology, BJP-RSS distorting religion



In his brief speech at the Congress plenary here, Rahul said, "The country is in a way tired, looking for direction, and I say it with conviction that only Congress can show country the way." He added anger and social divisions were being spread under BJP.

➤ Cong exposed graft, **P 11**

## Rahul allays old guard's fears on future

Assuring the Congress "old-guard" about their future role in the party, Rahul Gandhi said on Saturday that his task "is to take together the seniors and the youth". At the AICC's 84th plenary session — themed "Change is Now" in keeping with Rahul's takeover — the Gandhi scion said, "If youths have to take Congress forward, it cannot be done without the experience of the party veterans." **P 11**

## Speculation rife over Raj & Pawar huddle

MNS chief Raj Thackeray and NCP boss Sharad Pawar had a 40-minute meeting in Mumbai on Friday, triggering speculation about new political equations in Maharashtra, reports Ambarish Mishra. While reports said Raj would attend the MNS's Gudi Padwa meet at Shivaji Park on Sunday, NCP sources said Pawar could be thinking of having the MNS on board the Congress-NCP alliance in Maharashtra. **P11**

## Shah: Relish idea of Modi vs Rest in 2019

BJP chief Amit Shah has welcomed the prospect of a "Modi vs the Rest" battle in 2019 while daring the opposition to put its proposed no-confidence motion to test, asserting that it will be easily defeated by a 300-plus majority commanded by the NDA in the Lok Sabha.

"Why is the no-confidence being moved so late... We are ready to face the motion. There should be a debate as per norms in the House. Congress and other parties know of their imminent defeat and that is why they are not allowing the House to function," he said.

## M Natarajan critical, put on ventilator in city hosp

M Natarajan, husband of V K Sasikala, jailed aide of former CM Jayalitha, is critical and on ventilator support at Gleneagles Global Health City in Chennai, doctors said.

Though there is no bulletin from the hospital, doctors said the 74-year-old liver disease patient, who underwent a dual organ transplant in October 2017, has been admitted to the hospital two weeks ago. "His condition turned critical last night following severe chest congestion," a senior doctor said. Natarajan underwent a seven-and-a-half-hour kidney and liver transplant surgery on October 3. Natarajan received the organs from N Karthik, 19, who was declared brain dead in a road accident in Pudukottai.

Meanwhile, sources said Sasikala may file an application with Bengaluru jail authorities on Monday for a parole to visit her ailing husband. **TNN**



## How my Twitter followers grew from 0-1,000 for just ₹455

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Last month, I decided to see what happens when one buys Twitter followers. The task turned out to be simpler than buying a book online, and cost about the same.

One online transaction, and boom, my three-day-old account posting bland missives on interior design had 1,015 followers. But, like love, money can't buy you living, breathing followers. What I had were bots that inflated my follower count without caring for my opinion. Like air in a bag of potato chips, they made my following look full. But one little shake, and the rattle told the whole story.

To start, here's what I did — I created an email address and Twitter account. Wanting something safe and non-political, I went for an account on home décor tips. The profile pic-



### WHAT MONEY CAN BUY

ture for @TheHome\_Project was of a friend's room, and the cover photo was a picture I clicked at a café. Next, a Google search with permutations of "buy Twitter followers in India". I was spoilt for choice.

One agency stood out. It offered Twitter and LinkedIn followers, Facebook likes, search engine optimisation (SEO), Wikipedia article editing, social media marketing and more for an upfront fee.

➤ Bill in US dollars, **P 16**

## City dads ace chart on 'quality time' with kids

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Chennai: Chennai dads are taking the lead in sharing responsibility in raising children. A nationwide survey shows that fathers here have the highest participation in activities like walking or watching movies with their children. The city is also second only to Nagpur when it comes to dads attending school functions and meetings.

The survey shows that these 'penguin dads' — named after the male emperor penguin which takes responsibility for the egg after the female lays it — are breaking the less-involved-Indian-dad stereotype in style.

In the cases of city-based Pooja and Gopal Ganesh, parents of eight-year-old twins, Gopal takes charge of most parenting routines from attending PTAs to lining up weekend ac-



### SUPER DADS

tivities. "It's not as if Pooja doesn't contribute. I just take the lead so she can focus on other things that are equally important," says Gopal, who also takes charge of the children's morning routine.

➤ 88% at PTA meets, **P 4**

## Graduate course of choice: BSc pips BE

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Mumbai: Engineering seems to have lost its sheen, science courses have re-emerged as the second most popular undergraduate stream in the country. Arts always was the biggest draw and the trend persists.

While 97.3 lakh students joined BA across the country in 2016-17, 47.3 lakh chose BSc courses and 41.6 lakh took up engineering, data from the Union HRD ministry show.

Thanks to growing diversification with BSc courses in branches such as computers, electronics and pharma, science is no more a plain-vanilla option.

And an engineering degree is valued only if the student has passed out of a reputed institution.



### SCIENCE EFFECT: Nearly 47.3 lakh students chose BSc in 2016-17, says HRD ministry data

"Getting into a bad college and the ramifications of that are obvious. We now often see an engineer competing for the same job as a BA or a BCom graduate," said Prakash Gopalan, director, Thapar Institute of Engineering and Technology.

➤ 'Colleges closing', **P 16**

PURE DARK CHOCO INDULGENCE



# MIGHTY MESSENGER

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**W**hat can you do with 25p? Start a revolution, apparently. And with ₹1.50? That's what you pay to keep a secret.

At the Chennai General Post Office, chief postmaster Alok Ojha isn't surprised when the heads of multinational companies and large family-owned businesses drop in, enquiring how "safe" it is to send inland letters. "I tell them that unlike emails, inland letters cannot be hacked and so their secrets are safe. So a number of them have switched from emails to inland letters when they want to pass on trade secrets and other confidential information," says Ojha.

That's why Ojha is optimistic about the future of both inland letters and postcards. Especially the latter 126sqcm beige bullet being used to fire the government into action, spread public interest messages, spark sales, ignite friendships, spew venom, and on occasion correspond.

While in 2017, parents in a village in Vizianagaram, Andhra Pradesh, organised a successful postcard campaign to get their children's primary school reopened, writing 70 letters a day for a week, in Chennai, the frustrated residents of Chitlapakkam used the little missive for their mission to highlight civic issues in their neighbourhood.

M Ravi, sub-inspector, Chennai traffic police, and secretary of the Sri Sarvamangala Nagar Residents' Welfare Association, says he and the several hundred families in the area sent out postcards to various government departments with a list of demands that included a clean-up of the Chitlapakkam and Sembakam lakes, and better sewage and garbage disposal measures. Families wrote (postal department rules mandate that postcards have to be written by hand and not printed, in which

case they elicit a fine) several letters every day, in English and Tamil, until they wound up with more than a lakh of them. "We sent 20,000 postcards to the CM's office, another 20,000 to the Kancheepuram district collector and 20,000 each to other departments. The CM visited us a few months ago, and announced a sanction for a water channel. Postcards are the cheapest way to get our message across," says Ravi.

In the 1980s, Justice P N Bhagwati championed the 'postcard revolution', which allowed people to send their petitions on a postcard, making it possible for people to directly write to the Supreme Court, seeking legal remedy in public interest cases. "Emails don't hold sway in court, the humble postcard does. That's why I say a postcard is worth a thousand emails," says Ojha, adding that letters from advocates to clients regarding cases, disgruntled newspaper readers, and small businesses trying to

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## Campaigners Rely On Postcards, While Companies Pick Up Inland Letters To Send Confidential Messages

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**POST-IT:** With the postcard being one of the cheapest modes of communication, the Chennai General Post Office on Rajaji Salai gets hundreds of them on a daily basis

### ON THE LETTER HEAD

► The 25p postcard called Meghdoot is cheaper as it contains public interest ads issued by the government

► Post office rules mandate that one cannot print anything on a postcard; it has to be written by hand. If flouted, fines are imposed

With 25p and 50p coins not in circulation, people have to purchase a minimum of two or four postcards

► Post offices have now branched out into offering insurance, savings schemes, Aadhaar registrations, and more

► Who uses the postcard? Advocates, PIL enthusiasts, angry citizens, small businesses, philatelists

**STAMP VALUE**



**1.55 lakh**  
No. of post offices in India

► Postcards sold pan-India in 2010 was 15 crore it dropped to 13 crore in 2015

► Chennai GPO has sold 2.4L postcards



**1.3 crore**  
No. of postcards sold in TN

(Apr 2017 to Feb 2018)

market their goods from the bulk of users.

Companies like Shri Finance in Sowcarpet send out hundreds of postcards every month as "reminders" to clients who have defaulted on payment. "It's not as effective as a phone call, but it gets the message across as a first reminder. And it's cheap," says an employee of the company.

According to Ojha's data, from April 2017 to February 2018, Chennai GPO has sold 2.4 lakh postcards, while the Tamil Nadu circle has sold close to 1.3 crore postcards in the same period. "There are 1,55,000 post offices in India, which means crores of postcard sales," he adds.

The millennials are taking postcards the extra mile. The six-month old Postmanbaba.com mails postcards for people who email them details of what they want handwritten on the cards. "It's used by 25 to 35-year-olds for nostalgia. They email us the address they want to send the postcard to and the text and pay ₹20," says co-founder Udayan Deshpande. His staffers then write out the letter by hand on a 50p postcard and mail it.

In Chennai, Anna University student G Prakashraj is an avid philatelist and

'post-crosser', bartering postcards with people across the globe to not only create a mammoth collection but add to his social network. Launched online by a Portuguese computer systems engineer in 2005, post-crossing is now getting popular in India, with Chennai members organising meet-ups. The most recent was in March, where members met on the metro between Nehru Park and the airport. "The website puts you in touch with post-crossers around the world," says Prakashraj. "While it's easy to post-cross with people in China, Germany and the UK, where the postal system is active, it's difficult to get it from smaller island nations. Like Tristan da Cunha, the remotest of them all, for instance, from where I managed to source a postcard."

He has bartered all sorts of things to get his hands on postcards. "For postcards from smaller countries you barter with keychains, chocolates and noodle packets," he says. But it's helped him make friends, and that's what matters. "Post-crossers have visited me in Chennai. We keep in touch now," says Prakashraj.

And to think, it all started with one hello and 25p.

# MATTERS OF THE WASTE

Kuppai Thiruvizha Is A Fair That Celebrates Trash And Also Shows You Ways To Manage It

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**T**he next time you decide to call the scrap dealer to hand over the heap of old newspapers at your house, think again. It could be where your child's next kaleidoscope could come from.

For anyone who wants to be a part of a zero waste movement, a collective of experts, planners, residents and NGOs are there to handhold you. Kuppai Matters was started in October 2017 with the idea of bringing together stakeholders to arrive at sustainable waste management solutions. On March 18, the Muralis Maran Park in Perambur will host a Kuppai Thiruvizha (waste management fair) with stalls promoting alternatives to plastic, talks and workshops on source segregation, home composting and upcycling.

"The thiruvizha concept was conceived to take the message across to the public, and parks were chosen as the platform as they are inclusive and accessible," says Kripa Ramachandran, researcher with Citizen Consumer and Civic Action Group, one of the partners in Kuppai Matters.

Sunday's thiruvizha will be the third, after Anna Nagar and Mylapore, and has been conceptualised to initiate discussion particularly on the Kodungaiyur dumpyard, which for the rest of the city has been "out of sight and out of mind", according to Ramachandran. "We expect a big turnout particularly from the waste picking community. The idea is to get a perspective from people on what it's like to live with a

dumpsite in their backyard," she adds.

Kuppai Matters has 20 organisations on board, including Arappor Iyakkam, Pen Urimai Iyakkam, Vettiver Collective, Urban Design Collective and Arundodaya. The idea is to work in tandem on issues like air quality and public health.

"An important part of our work is to sensitise people about centralised and decentralised waste management," says Vidhya Mohankumar of Urban Design Collective.

They also put together DIY kits for residents with solutions on waste management. "Using Google Maps, we help them set up community waste units, dry waste management and material recovery facilities in neighbourhoods," says Mohankumar.

Kuppai Matters plans to start solid waste management clinics across the city in April, which will help residents' welfare associations with localised planning and capacity building, besides

engaging the corporation on waste management solutions. Despite having several rules in place and Greater Chennai Corporation's notification making source segregation of waste mandatory, not much has been done. "We wanted to understand what the problem is in Chennai, given that we generate 710g of solid waste per capita, the highest in the country. We also looked at parallel models such as Mysore to see what they were doing right," says Ramachandran.



**GARBAGE GALA:** Kuppai Matters will host a waste awareness fair in Perambur on March 18 to promote alternatives to plastic, source segregation, and upcycling

## Schools awaiting recognition must put up board: HC

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**Chennai:** Schools functioning without the mandatory recognition must put up a board in front of the institution informing the status of the recognition, the Madras high court has said.

The first bench of Chief Justice Indira Banerjee and Justice Abdul Quddus directed the school education department authorities to ensure that such boards are put up in schools without recognition.

The court passed the order on a PIL moved by G Sundarapandian seeking a direction to the authorities to close down SVS International School, Thiruthurai, since it does not possess a valid recognition.

Refusing to grant the relief sought, the bench said, "It is for the authorities to take a call on whether recognition shall or shall not be granted and to decide whether NOC shall be given or not. The writ petition for closure of school, in our view, cannot be of public interest. We direct the authorities concerned to ensure that a board is displayed by

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**Chief Justice Indira Banerjee, Justice Abdul Quddus | MADRAS HIGH COURT**

the schools indicating that application for recognition is pending if it was applied for or as it is not a recognised institution."

According to the petitioner, the school was started recently offering classes from pre KG to Class VIII without recognition or approval from either the state education department or from the CBSE and without the mandatory NOC from the state.

## 28 TN kids with 'special needs' await adoption

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**Chennai:** Underweight babies, those with vision problems and an infant with cleft lip and palate are among 28 children with "special needs" waiting to be adopted in Tamil Nadu. If data from the past is anything to go by, chances of them finding a family in India are slim.

Over the last four years, 88 such children were adopted from Tamil Nadu by couples abroad, while there were no adoptions by families within the country, social defence department data shows.

The 28 children – all, except one, are below five – are currently in 19 special adoption agencies. While 12 are with "developmental delay", some have reversible health problems like low birth weight (5), eye ailments (3) and cleft lip (1). Two are "intersex", with a combination of male and female biological characteristics like chromosomes or genitals, while three have mobility issues.

The adoption process classifies children into those with normal needs and those with special needs. Even those with minor, correctable health issues and conditions that can be easily managed or

### SORRY STATE



have no bearing on the quality of life are deemed special needs children.

Couples from the US account for 50% of these adoptions, followed by Italy, Sweden and Spain. NRIs too are more open to adopting such children than couples here.

"It takes anywhere between 8 months and a year to adopt these children. The waiting time is lesser as fewer couples want to adopt them," said an official. Many were abandoned under the state's cradle baby scheme because of their condition. Indian Council for Child Welfare general secretary Girija Kumar Babu said there are several social and economic reasons why fewer couples from India adopt

such children. "You can't blame them. They have very little support system in our country, including medical," she said. Many couples are from middle class families. "They may not want a challenged child, thinking of the financial constraints too."

Doctors say the conditions of many of these children can improve if they are in a family. Dr Suresh of MediScan, which does extensive research in fetal malformations, says there are varying degrees of disorders and conditions. "We've seen disorders in some children improve dramatically just by the determination of some couples. Every child deserves that love," he said.

## TTDC ecotourism wing defunct, famed treks discontinued

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**Chennai:** The trekking expedition at Kurangani in Theni, which claimed the lives of 16 people, has brought focus on the now defunct trekking programmes once conducted by the Tamil Nadu Tourism Development Corporation (TTDC). Treks were organised by the state-owned corporation in coordination with the forest department across Tamil Nadu until about eight years ago.

Talking about its successful start, former TTDC tour manager N Ravi said that 28 treks were conducted across TN in six months when the state delved into exploring its adventure tourism prospects. "We had organised treks at Yelagiri, Yercaud, Kodaikanal, Nilgiris, Aanalimalai and Tirusulam between September 2009 and January 2010, to promote adventure tourism. The general manager of the ecotourism wing, who was a senior forest department official on deputation to the tourism department, coordinated with authorities from his department for the trips," he said.

Safety was accorded high importance on these trips, with trekking allowed only during the day.

Noting that the trips evoked huge response, Ravi, who was in charge of organising trekking tours said, "A study regarding the distance, route and period of visit it would be done for every trip. Forest officials well versed with the hilly terrain and would accompany the trekkers ensuring safety."

However, curtains were drawn for the initiative due to little impetus given by the TTDC for its promotion, after the ecotourism wing allegedly became inactive. "There were attempts to revive it (trekking programmes) in 2012, but nothing materialised," Ravi said.

When contacted, official sources with the TTDC said that trekking programmes are no more organised by the corporation. "The post of general manager of the ecotourism wing has remained vacant because we are unable to get an officer from the forest department for the purpose," a TTDC official added, when speaking about the initiative going inactive.

### NEWS DIGEST

#### History-sheeter arrested for stealing gold

The police on Friday arrested a history-sheeter, who broke open a house at Ganapathy Nagar in Madhavaram, for stealing eight sovereigns of gold. The man was identified as K Manikandan, 40, said an official release. The Madhavaram Milk Colony police said they seized four sovereigns of gold from Manikandan who has several criminal cases pending against his name in various police stations.

#### Man held for harassing women

The police on Friday arrested a 29-year-old man for harassing students near Women's Polytechnic College, Taramani. The Kotturpuram police received a call that a stranger was harassing girls. The police rushed to the spot and arrested S Babu from Semmenchery, said a release.

#### College day celebrations

Justice Basheer Ahmed Sayeed College for Women, an autonomous institution under University of Madras, announced that college day celebrations will be held on Monday at the college premises. FM Ibrahim Kalifulla, former judge, Supreme Court of India is to be the guest of honour and Padma Bhushan Moosa Raza, former chief secretary, Jammu and Kashmir will be presiding the function, said a release from the college.

#### Auto driver dies of burns

A 37-year-old man from Koyambedu, who suffered burns after an LPG gas leak spark, died on Friday. The deceased was identified as M Aiyappan, an auto driver. Aiyappan and two others, a woman in her mid-thirties and a minor, suffered more than 60% burns in the accident at a residential complex in Koyambedu. The police said that the tube connecting the cooking gas cylinder and stove was damaged, which could have caused the fire. The two injured are undergoing treatment at Kilpauk Medical College Hospital.

## Young sculptors recreate Pallava masterpieces in miniature

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**Chennai:** The sculptures of elephants in Mamallapuram monuments have been a major topic of discussions for long. Scholars have different opinion about their presence in Pallava art. So when G Rakshana started working on miniatures of the elephants found in the popular Arjuna's Penance at a workshop in 2016, she understood that this was no easy task. But challenges aside, she came out with a beautiful miniature.

The four workshops based on Pallava masterpieces, which began in 2015, were aimed at revisiting the glory of the tradition of Pallava art. The Friends of Heritage Sites

(FoHS), which organized the workshops, conducted an exhibition of all the 16 sculptures made by the young artists of Mamallapuram at Art Houz in the city on Friday. The works were sold-out in the two-day exhibition that ended on Saturday.

D Nadhan, a young artist based in Mamallapuram, was happy when his sculpture was sold soon after the exhibition was inaugurated by commissioner of archaeology D Jagannathan on Friday. Creating the sun god on rock based on a masterpiece in Mamallapuram was difficult and Nadhan thought of moving to another assignment. However, a daily walk to the original sculpture gave him better ideas. He started working on it with a new



**ALL ABOUT INTRICACIES:** Creating a miniature of the sun god (right) was no easy feat for D Nadhan, but workshops conducted by Friends of Heritage Sites and frequent visits to the original Pallava masterpiece helped the young artist hone his skills

pattern of style, thanks to Rajendran Krishnan, a lecturer at the Government College of Sculpture and Architecture in Mamallapuram, and KT Gand-

hirajan, a rock-art expert, under whose guidance all the four workshops.

"I made a lot of sculptures of gods and goddesses. The sun

god didn't come out initially. I was sad. I would go to the monument site and look at the original sculpture for long. Repeated visits to the site helped. And the

ideas started flowing. I am glad that my garden sculpture of the sun god was sold at the exhibition," said Nadhan.

The project was conceived with several objectives in mind, according to Sharmila Genesan of the FoHS. "Since the sculptors in Mamallapuram generally produce religious icons that are guided by strict iconographic rules, we hoped that by recreating Pallava images, especially those of a secular nature, the sculptors will understand a new fluidity in form and proportion," she said, adding, "Another aim of this project was to help young sculptors access the untapped tourist market for Pallava mementos."

The artists had to bring in the aesthetic beauty of a big

sculpture on the miniature that he or she was trying to create. "As sculpture students, we are taught how to make things based on measures. But this assignment was different. I had to deconstruct the usual pattern of my style to create the elephants in a tiny form," said Rakshana, a final year B-Tech student at the Government College of Sculpture and Architecture.

"We displayed 16 sculptures that are in the nature of garden and drawing room artefacts. The focus was on miniature versions of Pallava art and we trust this will bring the art closer to people. We sold many pieces on the first day itself. Events like these will give a major boost to the young artists of Mamallapuram," said Genesan.







## Deserted vehicle gathers dust on Palavakkam road



NO TAKERS

This abandoned car has been lying on VGP 4th Main Road, Palavakkam for the last three months, turning into a breeding ground for mosquitoes. — Joe Francis



CHOCK-FULL

This pile of garbage has caused the drain on Ganapathy Street, Ganapathy Nagar, Thirumullaivoyal, to be blocked. — Suresh Krishna



ONLY HALF-DONE

Authorities have failed to remove the rubble while widening the storm water drain on Chitlapakkam Main Road, posing an inconvenience to pedestrians. — Venkataraghavan Santhanam



FOUL AND FILTHY

This pile of garbage and construction debris is lying outside 7, Umyal Road, Kilpauk, emitting a foul smell and posing a health hazard. — Gautam Oswal



GOING UNCHECKED

Sewage overflows regularly around this manhole on BV Colony 18th Street, Vyasarpadi. Residents seek a permanent solution. — G Senthamil

## 'Rly staff ignore advice, travel free'

### Checking Squads Are Absent, Say Commuters

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Chennai: Five months after the Chennai division of Southern Railway issued a circular instructing railway staff to avoid ticket-less travel on suburban trains, little has changed on the ground, say commuters.

The division has been continuously receiving complaints about people carrying cards of railway employee unions and travelling without tickets in first class coaches.

The circular was issued by the commercial department



**RISKY JOURNEY:** Railway staff with union cards remain in coaches while people with tickets travel on footboard, say commuters

on October 21 requesting the railway staff to travel with valid travel ticket failing which they would be liable for prosecution or fine. Priority of space should also be given to passengers with tickets, the circular stated.

Ticketless travel by railway staff is particularly rampant on the Chennai Beach-Tambaram-Chengalpatt section which caters to around 5 lakh passengers daily. Crowds during the peak hours on trains in both directions are unmanage-

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able as trains are the fastest mode of transport to the city from suburbs like Guduvanchery, Vandalur and Chengalpatt.

"Anybody carrying a card with the label of Southern Railway Mazdoor Union (SRMU) travels in first class. Passengers like us who pay money to buy season tickets suffer. Ticket checking squads who are supposed to crack down on this are absent," said V Vinothkumar, a working professional who travels from Vandalur to

Guindy every day. "Therefore, these commuters have to travel on foot-board which is very risky," he said. SRMU is the sole recognised employees union of Southern Railway zone. Earlier, there have been complaints about its members travelling in AC compartments of express trains on the Arakkonam-Chennai section without valid tickets.

SRMU divisional secretary Paul Maxwell Johnson said such erring employees were very few. "Sometimes an engineering department personnel have to rush from Egmore to Saidapet for rectifying a defect. He might not be given the Emergency Duty Pass (EDP) and might travel ticket-less with his heavy tools," he said. A railway official said regular checks are being conducted by squads, but admitted that no erring employees have been penalised so far.

## BSc degree in radiotherapy valid for jobs, says high court

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Chennai: The Madras high court has directed the Medical Services Recruitment Board (MRB) to accept applications from candidates holding a degree in radiotherapy for recruitment for post of radiotherapy technicians.

Justice T Raja passed the order on a batch of pleas moved by such degree holders, including R Divya of Chennai seeking to accept their application. Originally, degree holders were declared as overqualified by the MRB. Refusing to accept the arguments, the judge said such candidates are also entitled to apply for the post.

"Considering the fact that the petitioners have completed BSc (Radiotherapy Technology) from Madras Medical College and Government General Hospital recognised by the Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB). This court directs the concerned authorities to consider the application submitted by the petitioners as they are well qualified," said the judge.

## Madras univ to demarcate area for protests on campus

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Chennai: Students or staff of University of Madras may no longer be able to stage protests in front of the century building, where the vice-chancellor's office is located. The syndicate meeting on Friday, presided over by vice-chancellor P Duraisamy, debated fencing the area and debarring protests as they were creating a disturbance for officials and the possibility of demarcating a separate spot for demonstrations.

The syndicate members were clear they were not against protests as they were part of the democratic process. The discussion was against the backdrop of protests staged a fortnight ago by three journalism students demanding action against head of the department G Ravindran alleging that he had not shown them the corrected answer scripts as mandated.

They even picketed the vice-chancellor's car and sat on dharna at the spot around



**SPACE FOR OPINION:** A file photo of students staging a protest on the Madras University campus

which the university is now thinking of erecting a fence. On Friday evening too, around 100 non-teaching staff members had assembled outside the building for a protest, even as syndicate members like higher education secretary Sunil Pallwal and the vice-chancellor were walking towards their cars.

"It is an area where VIPs enter and leave and it doesn't look nice if their way is blocked. There was a bit of an inconvenience to the higher education secretary af-

ter the meeting on Friday," Duraisamy said.

Duraisamy also spoke of the growing discontentment among students regarding the evaluations and marks given by professors in the university departments. Sources said the issue of student cultural groups like 'Mutram' of the journalism department sparked a lively debate, with a section of members stating that such activities were disturbing academics in some departments, while another section spoke in its favour.

## Spl courts to hear POCSCO, child marriage cases: HC

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Chennai: The Madras high court has clarified that only designated district/special courts has powers to adjudicate cases under Child Marriage Act and Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, including bail application under the Acts.

Justice M V Muralidharan made the clarification while setting aside a bail order granted by Virudhachalam judicial magistrate to an accused charged under the Child Marriage and POCSO Act. According to the petitioner, a minor girl was forcibly married by her maternal uncle and subjected to sexual harassment, despite the advice of the district social welfare officer against child marriage.

He was later booked under provisions of Child Marriage Act and POCSO Act by the jurisdictional police and arrested on November 23, 2016. But to the shock and surprise of police, the accused was released on bail the very next day by the Virudhachalam judicial magistrate.

## CII embarks on 3-year initiative to digitalise manufacturing

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Chennai: In a bid to drive digital adoption in the manufacturing sector, industry body CII (Southern Region) has embarked on a three year initiative called Manufacturing & Digital Excellence Initiative (MADE).

Addressing the media, B Santhanam, president and MD, Saint Gobain India Pvt Ltd who will chair the committee said, "There is no better time for Indian manufacturing companies to get digital. Manufacturing is able to mir-

ror IT services to the extent that we are able to do it frugally as compared to the West. Adoption of digital is critical for us to drive efficiency within manufacturing." The first phase of MADE will involve assessing the industry readiness on digitalisation.

"A detailed assessment is being made through online and offline channels. We are covering small and large companies within the ₹50-2000 crore turnover range," said Santhanam. The results of the survey will be released on March 23 at an event in

Bengaluru. Close to 30 digitalisation partners are working with CII in this endeavour including GE, Bosch, Siemens, TCS, Cognizant and Tech Mahindra.

"We are looking to bust some myths on digital and the fears associated with it. For one, I don't think digital and automation will lead to wide scale loss of jobs. In fact, digital for the entry level workforce will be liberating and enhancing. Digital need not be investment high and small companies can start taking baby steps," he said.

## A college festival goes awry due to unexpected turn of events

### CINEMA OF THE WEEK

**Poomaram (Drama)** ★★★★★  
Cast: Kalidas Jayaram, Meera Jasmine, Kunchacko Boban  
Direction: Abhid Shine  
Duration: 2 hour 32 minutes  
Language: Malayalam (U)  
58888 code: poo



The Mahatma Gandhi University Youth Festival kicks off and two rival colleges are putting in all that they have got to win the champion's trophy. In the course of the fest, a few things go awry due to unexpected turn of events. How will the organisers turn it around?

Action Hero Biju, Abhid Shine's previous film, was a beautiful album strung together with pictures from the various situations that emerge in a police station. Similarly, Poomaram is also an album, flipping through the pages of which you can take a glimpse into the multitude of moods and moments at a college youth festival. Most of the frames brim with nostalgia and the raw energy that fill up such a space of art and culture. Some of them excite the viewer and some don't.

The traditional 'rivals' of the Mahatma Gandhi Youth Festival, Maharajas College and St Teresa College (sic), leave no stone unturned to ensure that they emerge champions at the event. Preparations are on in full swing and the atmosphere reverberates with music, dance steps, creative thoughts, competition and what not... As the fest moves ahead and the points keep fluctuating, certain things don't work out as expected for one of the leading colleges. Will they sail through the tricky situation and make things work to their advantage?

For anyone who has taken part in college youth festivals, Poomaram offers many memorable moments that can take them back in time and may be even, shed a tear. The days on which winning a prize means everything in life, little-known facets of talents coming to the fore, the platforms on which innocent cross-college crushes sprout, immaturity and hot-bloodedness making a mountain out of a molehill, all of

them are realistically documented through Poomaram's beautiful frames. The director, as he did in his previous movie, has tried to sequence the film as realistically as possible. Kalidas Jayaram, within the scope of his character Gauthaman, has done what he could, to bring alive his character. The actress who plays the union chairperson of St Teresa College has given a commendable performance and the team also deserves credit for her apt casting to the role. That little time spent by Meenu and Kili Vivek immersed in the night lights of the youth festival, indulging in some realistic, funny yet cute sweet talk is one of the most precious moments from the film. Interspersing a fight with the dance performance of the kalathilakam has also come out very well.

Natural acting is conspicuous by its absence, especially in the first few frames of the film and that's what stands out the most, among all its flaws. Kalidas' speech urging his college mates to do their best in the fest also belongs to this league. Some of the songs, such as 'Thaka Tharom', could have been trimmed a bit. There are certain portions that remind one of Action Hero Biju as well. For instance, the scene in which Gauthaman and his friends sit in a dark room, listening to someone reciting soulful poetry, and of course a few scenes in the police station. The film is devoid of a solid story line and depends on the various random, though predictable moments from the fest to take it forward. The execution of the climax is also not convincing, though it is visually beautiful.

Poomaram, at 2 hours 32 minutes, rides on the strength of a handful of playful moments from the campus and if that wouldn't trouble you as a viewer, the movie merits your time.

— Deepa Soman

### Ira (Drama, Thriller)

★★★★★  
Cast: Miya George, Niranjana Anoop, Marina Micheal Kurisingal  
Direction: Saiju S. S  
Duration: 2 hour 19 minutes  
Language: Malayalam (U)  
58888 code: ira

The film revolves around the life of Dr Aryan, who falls prey to a conspiracy and lands himself in a legal trial. Whether he manages to come out of this conundrum forms the rest of the story.

At the outset, flashing headlines fill the theatre screen, when Minister Chandy (Alencier Ley), who is accused of being a corrupt and unscrupulous politician, suddenly succumbs to a heart attack. News about his unexpected demise infuses the atmosphere with uncertainties, suspicion and speculation. Cop Rajiv (Unni Mukundan) has firmly set his eyes on the minutiae of the case and ventures out on a journey to know more about the person that Dr Aryan was.

The film tangentially shows how Dr Aryan (Gokul Suresh) lands himself in Kerala, after he is stung by the desire of seeking a livelihood in his parents' hometown. In a few days' time, he manages to find himself a place among the prominent doctors in a hospital. He is assigned the job of doing a regular check-up of Chandy, and before he could try his reasoning skills out, the minister loses his life and Aryan is caught in a web of conspiracies. As Rajiv treads on his investigative path, he chances upon Aryan's friends and Jenny (Niranjana Anoop), who has been his constant companion in the city.

However, what seems to be obvious is not the same in reality, and this manipulative game of the predators and the ones, who are preyed upon, becomes tighter as the scenes advance. Whether Aryan will manage to shake himself off from the stains of being the culprit forms the rest of the story.

While Unni plays the steadfast cop's role with much sincerity, Gokul Suresh makes naivety seep

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through the character of Aryan. Miya George, who appears as Karthu, has comparatively less screen presence, though her character has a strong role to play in the narrative. Niranjana Anoop has also managed to give a fairly good performance.

Ira caters to all the aspects that one looks for in a thriller. A few scenes during the second half of the film does make one feel that it is moving in a snail's pace, only to make one realise that they have a greater purpose in the succeeding sequences. The cinematography is such that the picturesque locales win you over. Gopi Sunder's composition Oru Mizhi Parayam, sung by Vijay Yesudas and Mridula Warrier, is a soulful stirring, but it almost feels forced upon into the storyline at a crucial time.

Given that the film is the debut directorial of Saiju SS, a former assistant of director Vysakh, Ira triumphs as a thriller, keeping the audience glued to the seats. It might not have a 'star' in the true sense of the word, though there is a star kid in Gokul Suresh, but for people, who might have entered the theatre, this outing will be worth the money spent.

— Deepika Jayaram

## 'It is always good when parents are involved'

► From P 1

According to the survey done by Flipkart, 88% of Chennai dads attend PTA meetings and other school functions usually. They are also the second highest involved when it comes to waking their kids up (78%) after Mangalore (79%). At least 75% of the dads in the city said they spent more time with the family after becoming a parent. The city saw the highest participation at 80% when it comes to engaging in fun activities with their kids. Chennai ranked highest in the all-India average across all parameters except one — only 52% said they have breakfast with their kids, 10% lower than the rest of the country.

A lot can be attributed to how each generation evolves, says clinical psychologist Kavita Verma. "Every generation adapts to the needs of the house. Earlier, there were joint families so the responsibility

was shared among more people. In today's nuclear family set-up, the dad has to pitch in," Verma says.

In the case of Prince Emmanuel, his hectic schedule leaves him with little time for his daughter Michelle. "I don't do the everyday things like getting her ready for school or eating breakfast with her, which my wife does. Weekends are my responsibility," says Emmanuel. "It's always good when mother and father are involved. Today, if the dad doesn't do these things, he will be the odd one out," says Verma.

While attending school functions and activities with kids sound great, mothers say fathers need to get involved in the "dirty" work too. "PTAs, swimming lessons, and a day out at the park are all cosmetic. There is a lot of other work involved like changing diapers and doctor visits. I'd like to see men take these up too once in a while," says Seethalakshmi Karthik, mother of two.

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# 3 yrs on, metro rail yet to improve commuter experience

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**Chennai:** After making 29km operational in nearly three years, Chennai Metro Rail is yet to put in place an inter-modal transport system. The concept of open transit data, which has been popular in big metro cities globally, has caught up in other cities, and Kochi metro has become the first transport service to release data of its stations, train schedule and ridership.

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Metro rail and other transport systems in New York, Boston, London and Helsinki in Finland have given free access to their datasets

In London, there are 362 apps developed with open data feed catering to 4 million commuters

such data, software developers can come up with various user-friendly real time data-based applications that can be used by commuters. It can help the transport agency plan and link their services with other mo-

des of transport to improve inter-modal connectivity and increase footfall, while entrepreneurs can plan their businesses like hotels, real estate and other services that will eventually improve the economic va-

lue of the locality. "Every transport agency needs to give free access to its data because at the end it is one city. We need a unified agency to hold all this together so the public gets benefited," said Ad-

vait Jani, programme coordinator, the Institute for Transportation and Development Policy.

Chennai Metro Rail's mobile app has information on train timetable, fare, list of stations and places to stay and dine near a station. The app also has route numbers of feeder buses, but it does not mention timings for users to plan their trip. "When phase-1 was being planned, we had regular meetings with stakeholders like MTC and Chennai Corporation to come up with a road map for inter-modal connectivity," a metro rail official said.

The state government an-

nounced the Chennai Unified Metropolitan Transport Authority (CUMTA) in 2010 to integrate transport bodies and maximise the potential of the city's transit networks. CUMTA will function as a single nodal agency that directs planning, operations, and monitoring of various transport modes in the city. But the authority remains on paper.

Globally transport bodies like metro rail and bus systems in many big metros like London, Boston and New York have given free access to their data like ridership and timings in a globally accepted standard for the public to use.

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## Airtel, Vodafone subscribers cry foul despite assurances

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**Chennai:** Mobile service providers Airtel and Vodafone's networks were down for some time on Thursday and Friday leaving hundreds of subscribers with no connectivity.

While both companies have issued statements saying the network issues had been resolved, several subscribers continue to face issues.

"Due to a technical glitch, services for some of our post-paid users were impacted for a brief duration. The services have been fully restored and are back to normal. The inconvenience caused to our customers is deeply regretted," said an Airtel spokesperson.

Sources in the telecom industry say the unprecedented mass movement of subscribers from Airtel to Vodafone and Airtel could have created problems. Over 3.5 million Airtel users have moved to Airtel, Vodafone and BSNL since last month after Airtel networks faced severe downtime.

Several former Airtel users who have ported are waiting for their numbers to be activated.

"I ported from Airtel to Airtel last week. I've called the customer care number but had no luck. How does one manage without an active number," said Arun Kumar, a city based professional.

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Earlier in the week, S Murali, business head, Tamil Nadu, Vodafone said, "We have augmented capacity and added bandwidth to support the increasing demand from our own customers as well as new ones. Our retail stores have been open all seven days for the last few weeks."

In a statement made late Friday night, Vodafone said, "There was a technical snag that affected certain parts of Tamil Nadu, leading to an intermittent disruption in network connectivity for a short period of time. Our network team managed to resolve the problem and restored normalcy immediately."

Users in Anna Nagar are among the severely affected. "I have feeble network and the call drops have been escalating. I can barely hear anything over a call and it keeps getting cut. I am relying on my landline for now," said Karthik Vigneshwaran, an Airtel and Vodafone user.

## Konkona wins award for best debut director

TIMES NEWS NETWORK



**Chennai:** The 21st Gollapudi Srinivas national award for best debut director (2017) was bagged by Konkona Sen Sharma for 'A Death in the Gunj'.

The film was selected from 23 nominations from across the country in many languages including English, Malayalam, Tamil, Assamese, Bengali, Marathi and Kannada, said an official release from Gollapudi Srinivas Memorial Foundation.

The jury consisted of Singeetam Srinivasa Rao, veteran film director, Swarnamalya Ganesh and Krishnan of Kavitha-laya. Set in 1979, 'A Death in the Gunj' (English/Bengali) is a coming-of-age story, about a shy student, Shyamal Chatterjee.

He uses a family road trip to McCluskiegunj, an old Anglo-Indian town, as an escape from his failed exam semester. "At the outset, the makings of a perfect family holiday are in place but something is amiss. In the week that follows, Shu's quiet unravelling is overlooked by the family until the holiday ends with an implosion," the release added.

## TNSTC suspends two staffers after fake ticket racket busted

### Crackdown Comes After TOI Report

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**Chennai:** Two staff members of the Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation (TNSTC), Villupuram, working at the Gingee depot were suspended on Saturday for allegedly attempting to siphon off funds collected through the sale of counterfeit tickets to passengers. The crackdown comes after a report in The Times of India on Friday that staffers at TNSTC, Villupuram, were printing multiple tickets with the same serial numbers.

Officials from the transport corporation said a detailed probe is underway to track the alleged involvement of other officials from the depot.

On Wednesday morning, a ticket checking squad found during a routine inspection that passengers were holding

### HOW THEY OPERATE

Rackets involve officials from the bus depots, conductors and printing units

They print multiple tickets with same serial numbers

But records show sale of only one ticket

Racketeers pocket the unaccounted money collected from fake ticket selling



BUS-TED: Displayed below are tickets with similar serial numbers



three tickets (worth two rupees) with the same serial number. Ticket checking inspectors checked the records and found that the value of tickets sold and the amount collected from passengers did not tally.

When they questioned the conductor, he sought to shift the blame on the depot authorities.

Conductors at the end of every stage—a specific distance based on which fare is col-

lected—are supposed to enter the unique serial numbers at the bottom of the tickets.

A memo was issued to the conductor for not adhering to this and failing to explain the difference in amount collected. Subsequently, he was asked to report to the concerned depot on completion of the trip.

Officials initially stated that there was a printing mistake and tried to close the

complaint.

However, a probe by higher authorities suspected the involvement of the conductor and another official working at the depot in this sharp practice, causing a financial loss to the government, said a TNSTC official.

Printing mistakes are a very rare phenomenon and it is almost impossible for three sets of tickets to have the same serial number that too all three reaching the same conductor, said another senior official.

"Such mistakes would never happen if the government had provided Electronic Ticketing Machines (ETMs) to conductors as the sale of every ticket gets registered and records could be produced at the push of the button," he added. However, less than 40% of the buses in the corporation were equipped with ETMs, show government records.

This is not the first time that officials from TNSTC, Villupuram, have been caught up in a controversy. Last month, two staffers were pulled up for submitting fake transfer certificates.

## Gold stolen, says woman; cops doubtful

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**Chennai:** A woman claimed that burglars had broken into her house at Ekatuthangal near Guindy on Friday and decamped with at least ₹40 lakh worth gold and other valuables when she was away.

Alamelu, 65, a resident of Achuthan Nagar, had gone to pay the house tax. When she returned, she said she found the house burgled. Based on her complaint, police registered a case.

However, police found that the burglars had not laid their hands on at least 100 sovereigns of gold jewellery which remained in the house. Surprisingly, the burglars had not even touched wads of cash worth ₹2 lakh kept in another bag near the jewellery.

Police analysed footage from a CCTV camera installed at the house but didn't find any intruder entering the premises. Further investigations are on.

## Cook held for sexually assaulting friend's wife

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**Chennai:** A 21-year-old cook hailing from Tripura sexually assaulted a woman, also from Tripura, after taking her pictures on his mobile phone at her residence in Sholinganallur on Friday.

Jahir Hussain, a cook at a women's hostel in Karapakkam near Sholinganallur, went to the house of his friend Ismail Miya when the latter's wife was alone at the residence. Hussain threatened the woman, made her pose nude and took her pictures on his mobile phone before sexually assaulting her, police said. The woman informed her husband, Ismail Miya, who worked as a housekeeping staffer at a software firm in Sholinganallur, about the incident.

The two approached the Semmancherry police station and lodged a police complaint. The police registered a case and arrested Jahir Hussain.

## CBI books railway section engineer for demanding ₹15k bribe

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**Chennai:** The anti-corruption branch of Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), Chennai, has registered a case against a senior section engineer (SSE) in the gauge conversion department of Southern Railway for allegedly demanding a bribe from a contractor for releasing a payment due to him.

As per the e-mail complaint given to the CBI on Friday, LG Ravi, the contractor, who is a resident of Gurunath Street, Mogappair, stated that he was involved in work with Southern Railway for the past 30 years and had undertaken a contract for broad gauge conversion of the railway line from Mayavaram to Kuthalam in 2005-2006 for which a final bill payment of ₹31 lakh was pending.

Ravi said he had written many letters to get it settled, but it was unresolved.

Ravi stated in the complaint that the payment could be made only if he visited the SSE R Parasuraman, in his office in Trichy, who would have to recommend it. On Thursday, Ravi went to Parasuraman's office in Trichy where the latter allegedly demanded that a bribe of ₹15,000 be paid on Friday for clearing his dues.

Ravi also claimed he was threatened not to inform anyone about the deal.

The CBI FIR states that Ravi did not want to pay the bribe and preferred a complaint with the investigation agency.

The verification of the complaint was done by K Madhusudan, a CBI inspector. A regular case under the Prevention of Corruption (PC) Act 1988, Section 7, was slapped on Parasuraman for demanding an illegal gratification.

## Two students die after lorry hits their bike

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**Chennai:** Two Class XII students were killed when a lorry hit their bike near Madhavaram on Saturday evening.

M Abhishek, 18, of SA Colony in Vyasarpadi was riding the bike while P Raj, 18, of Ernavoor, was sitting on pillion.

The accident took place at around 5.30pm on Saturday on Ennore Express Highway. A container lorry which was coming from behind rammed the bike. The duo was thrown off the bike under impact. The police said Abhishek had a helmet on while Raj had not. Passersby rescued the two and rushed them to the Government Stanley Medical College Hospital where doctors declared them dead on arrival.

The Madhavaram traffic investigation wing police registered a case under IPC Section 304 (a) (death caused due to negligent driving) and nabbed the driver of the container lorry. Further investigations are on.

## Digital edu is key for engg students: Higher edu secy

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**Chennai:** Digital education is crucial for engineering students and if a student does not know how to apply online for engineering, he does not deserve to be an engineer, said higher education secretary Sunil Paliwal.

Speaking at the Pan IIT Alumni Leadership Series (PALS) annual summit on the theme Digital Disruption: Redefining Business and Education at IIT Madras on Saturday, Paliwal said, "In the last year, 25,000 students did not apply for engineering because they did not know how to apply online. They do not deserve to be engineers."

He referred to the difficulties faced by institutes in moving the application process online and said institutes were not arguing against the online system but also wanted the pen and paper system. "An institute says an

autodriver's son does not know how to apply online, so we also need pen and paper method."

Paliwal said at least one online course should be included in a semester so that it would add value to the students in the future. He said that digital education is the only way to progress and the government is taking action on this.

He said engineering internships should be streamlined and made mandatory during a semester. "Mandatory internships should be there per programme to add value for students in the future. Possibly, these internships can be well utilised during their summer vacation," he said.

IIT Tirupati director K N Sathyanarayana emphasised the need for faculty to retrain themselves, in order to ensure blended delivery in digital and traditional education methods.

## Amnesty scheme for illegal buildings ends on March 21

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**Chennai:** The scheme to regularise unauthorised buildings has evoked a tepid response with just 140 applications having been filed so far in the Chennai Metropolitan Area. With the amnesty scheme ending on March 21, the government is contemplating giving it a second extension, which developers associations feel may not be fruitful without reducing the hefty penalty.

Officials said that about 140 applications in areas falling under the CMDA have been received over the last 10 months.

Ramaprabhu, honorary secretary of the Builders' Association of India's Southern Centre, Chennai, said the heavy fine is discouraging people from enrolling under the scheme. "The penalty is calculated on land value,

which is approximately two third of the guideline value. It is driving people away from the scheme," he said. For instance, the guideline value in some parts of Anna Nagar is more than ₹8,000 and a person would end up paying ₹5,300 as the penalty. Another reason for poor response was ambiguity among people that the scheme could be quashed like the previous ones introduced during 2000, 2001 and 2002, he said.

B Kannan, secretary of the T Nagar Residents Welfare Association, said the government should not give an extension any more. "Why should the government provide any extension when the violators are refusing to register under the scheme," he wondered.

A housing and urban development department official said, "A move is on for a second extension and it is likely to be for a minimum of three months."

## Nearly 4.5k Olive Ridley hatchlings released in sea

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**Chennai:** More than 4,450 Olive Ridley sea turtle hatchlings have been released into the water during the this turtle nesting season in Chennai and Kancheepuram districts.

Sharing details with TOI, wildlife officials said they along with two other non-governmental organisations — The Students Sea Turtle Conservation Network (SSTCN) and Tree Foundation — work together to keep count of the turtles.

While wildlife officials and SSTCN volunteers cover the beach between Neelankarai and Besant Nagar and another stretch between Foreshore Estate to Napier Bridge, the Tree Foundation is covering the stretch from Neelankarai till the coast in Kancheepuram district.

A wildlife official said though the number of nests identified by them is low compared to the two NGOs, the number of hatchlings was high. They were able to locate 134 nests this season and released



TO WATER WORLD: Olive Ridley hatchlings before being released into the sea off Besant Nagar on Saturday

2,052 hatchlings till Friday. On Saturday, more than 200 hatchlings were released in batches after dark. "During the day, crows hover around and pick up the hatchlings. At night, the hatchlings go towards the water guided by the moonlight and are safer," said the official.

One of the SSTCN volunteers Akila Balu said the season was good, as volunteers identified 350 nests and collected the eggs, which were safely shifted to the hatchery in Besant Nagar and released

1,600 hatchlings. But the mortality rate of sea turtles was a cause of concern, she said.

A Tree Foundation volunteer said they located 351 nests in Kancheepuram and have so far released 800 hatchlings. Two hatcheries are being managed by the organisation, one in Neelankarai and the second in Injambakkam.

The baby turtles face threats from crabs, birds and fish which are among their predators. Only one in thousand turtles return to the same beach to lay eggs, she said.

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Chennai: Actor Rajinikanth's entry to politics has triggered a flurry of activity in the AIADMK. The EPS-OPS duo, apart from sacking party spokesman K C Palanisamy, also accommodated close to two dozen disgruntled senior leaders in key organisational posts on Friday as fissures emerged over the inordinate delay in giving respectable posts to senior leaders.

Despite a lapse of six months since the general council was held, there is no indication of the steering committee being filled as promised by Edappadi K Palaniswami and O Panneerselvam to other senior leaders at the time of the merger of the

## FISSURES EMERGE IN PARTY

**WHO'S IN** ORGANISING SECRETARIES | Former ministers Panruti S Ramachandran, C Ponnaian, Natham R Viswanathan, S P Shanmuganathan, R S Raja Kannappan, S Gokula Indira, Ministers Dindigul C Sreenivasan, K A Sengottaiyan, D Jayakumar, C Ve Shanmugam, MP V Maitreyan and former MP P H Manoj Pandian

factions. K P Munusamy, who was vocal in the erstwhile OPS faction, has withdrawn into a shell after he was made one of the two deputy coordinators of the steering committee, said party sources.

Many senior leaders began functioning as a bloc, posing challenges to the leadership. They could walk of the party and tie up with Rajinikanth in the event of disqualification case of 18 MLAs going against the government, said a senior leader. KCP was always under scanner as he was part of a core team comprising R M Veerappan, A C Shanmugham and Jagatratnachagan in mobilising support for Rajini's

**WHO'S OUT** DISTRICT SECRETARIES | North Chennai (P Vetrivel), V P Kalairajan (South Chennai), N G Parthiban (Vellore East), M Rengasamy (Thanjavur North), Thanga Tamilselvan (Theni)

aborted political plunge back in 1996.

"It was quite natural that sidelined sections began ganging up after the actor's political plunge. Many are still unhappy as the steering committee membership remains a mirage," said a senior minister. Many are unhappy over the undue prominence being accorded to municipal administration minister SP Velumani. "He is the most resourceful minister at present. EPS blindly believes him," said another minister. The appeasement move came when Palaniswami, Panneerselvam and senior colleagues, P Thangamani, Velumani and C Ve

## EPS, OPS acting like autocrats: Palanisamy

Coimbatore: The AIADMK government is functioning like the BJP's puppet, said expelled AIADMK spokesperson **K C Palanisamy** on Saturday. Alleging the BJP's hand in his expulsion, he told reporters at his home in Coimbatore that EPS and OPS were acting like autocrats, trying to sacrifice the party for their personal gain. After Palanisamy on Friday said the AIADMK will support a no-confidence motion against the Modi government if it did not set up the Cauvery Management Board, CM Edappadi K Palaniswami and his deputy O Panneerselvam issued a statement expelling him. **TNN**



Shanmugam chose to stay longer in the party headquarters on Thursday night after the legislature party meet and decided to check the possible erosion looming large.

KCP, who sided with OPS after his famous revolt against V K Sasikala, also figured on the list of organising secretaries until his comments on the no-confidence motion against Modi government made national headlines. Former minister R S Raja Kannappan is back as organising secretary after he openly threatened to field candidates in 120 assembly segments. So are RS member V Maitreyan and P H Manoj Pandian.

The expulsion of KCP is said to bring in order among the rank and file. Though the comment on the no-confidence motion is the cited reason, the leadership was unhappy with him owing to his outbursts against Sasikala, which had left many ministers squirming, as till the other day, they had been prostrating before her. They had been putting pressure on EPS to rein in KCP, a self-proclaimed anti-Sasikala campaigner since the early 1990s. "The message EPS and OPS send across is that AIADMK cadres will be expelled for talking against Modi. They are slaves of Modi," KCP told TOI.

## AIADMK should support no-trust motion, says Stalin

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Chennai: The AIADMK must support the no-trust motion against the BJP-led government at the Centre, and pressure the Centre into setting up the Cauvery Management Board (CMB), DMK working president M K Stalin has said.

In a statement on Saturday, he pointed out that had his party been in the Lok Sabha, it would have announced its decision to support the Telugu Desam Party's motion immediately.

Stalin said the Supreme Court on February 16 had ordered the Centre to set up the CMB and Cauvery Water Regulation Committee (CWRC) within six weeks of its order, but the Centre has been delaying it due to the ensuing assembly polls in Karnataka.

Meanwhile, on the issue of Dravidanadu, Stalin clarified: "I told reporters in Erode that if a consensus emerges on Dravidanadu, we will welcome it. At the same time, even though Anna had dropped the demand for Dravidanadu, the reasons and conditions now are similar to then."

He said he never said the DMK would support the move for a 'Dravidanadu'.

## TN government plans resource centre to 'track' migrant workers

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Chennai: Under fire from various international organisations for failing to monitor the working conditions of migrant women workers in Tamil Nadu's bustling textile hubs, the state government is considering a plan to set up a resource centre that would track the movement of this vulnerable section and resolve their grievances.

As part of the process, the department, in coordination with the Tamil Nadu Institute of Labour Studies and International Labour Organisation, will survey women migrant workers in the districts of Tirupur, Coimbatore, Salem and Erode and assess their working conditions. "We will be able to identify their needs and set up a hub that will cater exclusively to them. This will include a helpline," said a senior official in the department, adding the project is still in a nascent stage. "We have to plan this on a private-public-partnership mode so that all stakeholders are involved and they take responsibility of these labourers' working condition."

A 2016 survey by Tamil Nadu government revealed that there are 10.67

lakh migrant workers in the state, the highest in the manufacturing sector (27%), followed by textile (14.1%) and construction (11.4%).

There are more than 1,500 mills in Tamil Nadu, the biggest hub for textile and manufacturers in India, employing up to 400,000 workers to turn cotton into yarn, fabric and clothes.

In December 2016, India Committee of the Netherlands (ICN), an independent human rights organisation, released a research report, Fabric of Slavery, that indicted the states textile spinning mills of practising what the ILO defines as 'forced labour'.

The death of a 21-year-old woman in a garment factory in Tirupur last year reignited concerns over conditions in which low-paid textile workers toil in the multi-billion dollar industry. A report into the woman's death by the Rights Education and Development Centre said migrant workers "were not being paid minimum wages and were unregistered".

Helen Sekar, senior faculty at V V Giri National Labour Institute, said over the last five years there was a sharp increase in women accompanying these migrant workers. "This could be because large-scale migra-

tion triggered by the agrarian crisis has emptied villages. There is no community support for women who stay back unlike in the past. So they choose to accompany their men," said Helen. "In our current crisis, every hand in a labourer's household is used to bring in revenue - be it a woman or a child," she said. While migrant workers themselves are marginalised with little or no support system, the plight of women who accompany them is rarely documented.

As a key source state, the Bihar government is setting up a resource centre to track migrant workers, with a unit dedicated to women. "If we have more resource centres, we will be able to facilitate an online tracking system," said Helen. However, officials are still diffident about how the project would take off considering legislation like the Interstate Migrant Workers Act (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service), which makes registration of employees mandatory and strictly regulates the working conditions such as wages, allowances, equality and proper recording and maintenance of their employment details, is rarely followed.

## 4 techies killed as car rams truck in Kanchi district

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Chennai: Four software engineers, including a woman, died after the car they were travelling in smashed into a parked truck near Madurantakam in Kancheepuram district early on Saturday. Two others are battling for life at the Government Hospital in Chengalpet.

The engineers, employed at a leading software firm near Poonamallee, were returning to Chennai from Pudukcherry in a Maruti Swift when they met with the accident. The police said the accident took place in front of Karpaga Vinayaga College in Padalam near Madurantakam around 4.30am. The car topped, crushing the six occupants.

Deepan Chakravarthy, 22, of Tirupur, who was behind the wheel, and Prashanth Kumar of Namakkal, who was sitting next to him, were killed on the spot, along with Iswarya, 22, of Kerala.

After receiving the information, the jurisdictional police and a team of fire and rescue services personnel pulled the injured out after cutting the top of the mangled car using a power saw and rushed



**MANGLED:** The car rams a truck parked on the roadside, crushing its six occupants

them to the Government Hospital in Chengalpet. However, one of them, Mega, from Andhra Pradesh, died of injuries on the way to the hospital.

Sarath and Akila, of Kerala, were admitted to the hospital where they are said to be out of danger, a police officer said after talking to the doctors.

The Madurantakam police have registered a case under the Indian Penal Code Section 304 (a) (death caused due to negligent driving) and further investigations are on.

Following the accident, traffic was disrupted for about an hour on the busy Chennai-Trichy national highway.

Traffic resumed after police personnel removed the vehicles from the road.

## ₹27 lakh gold seized at airport in three cases

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Chennai: Customs officials at Chennai airport have seized gold worth ₹27 lakh in three cases recently.

On Saturday morning, two cases were detected. Banu Allapichai, 36, of Chennai arrived from Dubai by Air India Flight AI 906 and was found to have concealed gold in her baggage. A check revealed a burka, a shawl and a length of embroidered cloth with 170 metal rings stitched on them. The rings were removed and a government-approved gold appraiser, after treating them with heat and acid, certified them to be gold. About 395g of 24 carat gold, worth ₹12 lakh, was recovered.

In the second case, Sai Vinodh Kumar, 30, also from Chennai, arrived from Singapore by Tiger Airlines Flight TR578, and was found to have concealed gold inside his inner wear. Two bars of 24 carat gold, each weighing 100g, valued at ₹6 lakh were seized.

On Thursday, a man named Junaid, 27, from Bareilly arrived from Colombo by Sri Lankan Airlines UL129 and was found to have concealed a gold bar weighing 293 gm worth ₹9 lakh inside a trouser pocket.

## HOLDING ON FOR DEAR LIFE

R Ramesh Shankar



**DANGEROUS RIDE:** Two government school students hitch a ride to school from a pickup truck in Saidapet, Chennai, on Saturday. They clung on to a rod and hung on precariously at the back of the truck through the journey, even as the driver remained oblivious of their presence

## TTV to stage hunger strike on Mar 25 for Cauvery board

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Chennai: Amma Makkal Munnetra Kazhagam (AMMK) deputy general secretary T T V Dhinakaran will hold a hunger strike on March 25 in Thanjavur, demanding that the BJP government at the Centre constitute the Cauvery Management Board and Cauvery Water Regulation Committee as per the Supreme Court order.

"The agitation will be held between 8am and 5pm in Thanjavur to protest against the anti-people government of the state, which is unable to exert pressure on the Centre... and to reflect the sentiments of the people," a statement said. The AMMK accused the Centre of not trying to set up a permanent mechanism to help TN realise 177.25tmcft from the interstate river. The government was not concerned at the withering crop on lakhs of acres in the Cauvery delta, but sought to remain in the good books of the Centre, it said.

## HC orders sale of shares owned by Disc Assets Lead India Ltd

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Chennai: The first bench of Madras high court has directed the registry of its Madurai bench not to entertain any plea moved by the directors of Disc Assets Lead India Limited which is involved in a ₹1,130 crore investment scam. It has also ordered transfer of all existing cases connected with the scam to the principal bench in Chennai.

The bench of Chief Justice Indira Banerjee and Justice Abdul Quddus passed the order in view of the allegations that directors of the company had been trying to get away from the criminal cases registered against them by approaching the Madurai bench, while the first bench had already appointed a committee to identify and settle dues to more than 12 lakh depositors.

This apart, the committee pointed out that when they approached Cholamandalam Securities Limited

that manages the Demat account of the firm with a request to sell the shares owned by the company and transfer the proceeds to the court-appointed committee, they refused to oblige. Instead, they are demanding Permanent Account Number (PAN) in the name of the committee to transfer the proceeds.

### INVESTMENT SCAM

Counsel for the committee further informed the high court that the directors were not cooperating with the probe and wanted the court to order their appearance to know the seriousness of the case.

Recording the submissions, the bench said: "Cholamandalam Securities Ltd is directed to sell the shares in the Demat account of the company and deposit the proceeds thereon in the joint account of the committee. Since the sale is on account

of the company which has a PAN card, there can be no question of insistence of any separate PAN in the name of the committee or PAN card of any of the committee members."

The company, which had commenced its operation in 2006, collected more than ₹1,130 crore as deposits through collective investment schemes (CIS) without proper approvals from the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) till 2015. As the company failed to repay the depositors as promised, Sebi barred its directors from capital market for four years in 2016 and from selling any assets of the company.

In October last, the court appointed a committee headed by a retired chief justice of Jammu and Kashmir high court, Justice N Paul Vasanthakumar, to identify and settle dues to the tune of Rs 1,130 crore to over 12 lakh depositors of the Madurai-based real estate company.

## Trichy woman goes brain dead after child birth, six people get her organs

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Trichy: A woman who was declared brain dead after giving birth to a girl has given a fresh lease of life to six people through her organs which were harvested at the Mahatma Gandhi memorial government hospital (MGMGH) in Trichy. In the process, 25-year-old Dhanalakshmi became the first to undergo organ donation at the tertiary care hospital.

A Dhanalakshmi, a resident of Thennur, was brought to the hospital with continuous seizures on the morning of March 7. She was about 34 weeks pregnant at the time of admission, according to doctors. The CT scan revealed that she had

suffered intra-cerebral haemorrhage, brain stem haemorrhage and intraventricular haemorrhage. Doctors said that her blood vessels had ruptured due to high blood pressure emanating from eclampsia, a disorder occurring rarely in pregnant women.

A team of doctors decided to put her through C-section to save the baby. Though she delivered a girl in the evening on the same day, Dhanalakshmi remained unconscious. Further observation and treatment at the labour intensive care unit gave no hope of the revival of the patient. The high-level team of doctors, including neurosurgeon Dr S Jothikumar, concluded that there was no chance of her recovery despite five days of

treatment.

The woman was declared brain-dead by the doctors after I Apnoea test at 8 am on Friday and a subsequent test in the evening.

Once reconciled to the reality, the grieving family members of the woman gave their consent to donate her organs. Soon, a team of doctors including dean Dr G Anitha, medical superintendent Dr Ekanath, surgeon Dr Karunakaran, head of the department of O&G Dr Poovathi and anaesthetist Dr Sivakumar carried out the harvest of organs.

The heart was airlifted to Chennai and transplanted in a patient at Fortis Malar hospital in Adyar, while the liver was used on a patient in Cethar hospital in Trichy.

The two kidneys were allotted to a patient each at Government Rajaji hospital in Madurai and Government medical college hospital in Tirunelveli. The eyes were used on two patients at MGMGH.

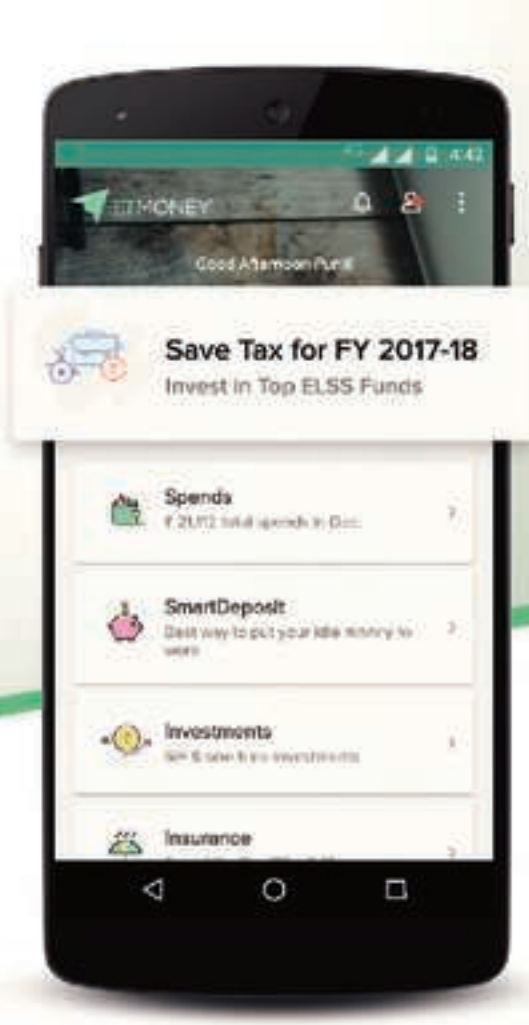
It was the first organ harvest done by MGMGH after obtaining temporary licence from the state government. However, the hospital is yet to be equipped with the facility to conduct organ transplantation.

Health minister Dr C Vijayabaskar, who honoured the family of the woman, said that organ transplant would also be inaugurated at the hospital soon. "Organ transplantation facilities in Salem and Trichy are in the pipeline," he told reporters.



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# TN man gets 5-yr RI for smuggling red sanders logs

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**Vellore:** Two years after the Andhra Pradesh Forest (Amendment) Act, 2016, was enacted to hit red sanders smugglers hard, a 48-year-old woodcutter from Vellore district has become the first person to be convicted under its provision.

KShanmugam, a native of Periyavur village in Naickaneri Hills, has been sentenced to five years' rigorous imprisonment (RI) and slapped with a fine of ₹3 lakh by additional assistant sessions court, Tirupati, under the new act. Judge Ramachandrudu passed the verdict on Friday.

Shanmugam was arrested on June 26, 2016, in Bhimavaram forest beat in Seshachalam reserve forest for smuggling red sand-

ers logs. The task force, led by sub-inspector (Tirupati unit) Ashok, caught him carrying a log. Based on the information furnished by him, the team seized 31 logs from the forest.

"The man (Shanmugam) from Vellore district is the first person to be incarcerated under the new act," Kantha Rao, deputy inspector general of police of Red Sanders Anti-Smuggling Task Force told TOI.

According to the Act - brought into force to clamp down on red sanders smuggling by the Chandrababu Naidu government - a first time offender would be awarded five years RI and a fine of ₹3 lakh.

Anyone caught second time would be awarded seven years' RI and a fine of ₹5 lakh, while for the third time it would be not less than 10 years RI and a penalty of ₹10 lakh.

## Man, 52, booked for sexual abuse of minor

**Coimbatore:** A 52-year-old man was on Friday booked under Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act on Friday for molesting a four-and-a-half year-old girl at Kondaiyampalayam near Thondamuthur on the outskirts of the city on March 6. A team of police led by Perur all-woman police station inspector Amutha has launched a manhunt for the man. The accused has been identified as A Nanjappan, a tailor from Kondaiyampalayam village. **TNN**

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# Eco-warrior grows plants on car roof

## Aims To Bring Down Carbon Footprint

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**Coimbatore:** People may laugh at her, but nothing bothers this 41-year-old homemaker turned environmentalist, who has set up a garden on the roof of her car.

Ritu Bagdi, resident of a gated community at Nanjundapuram, believes that reducing carbon emission by placing plants on the roof of her car is a cool idea. While the plants sway in the wind



**COOL IDEA:** Ritu Bagdi says the plants also cool down her car during summer

as she travels, she does get several stares, smiles and also some angry looks from car lovers. "But I do not care. I am sure this will make a difference," she says. It took her a year to convince her family about the benefits of having a

green patch on the car roof, she says. In the beginning, her family refused to use the car and her husband made a huge fuss about it. But, nothing could budge her. "Every new idea will be rejected and opposed. But, once people see the results, they will slowly change. My son took a ride in the car a few days ago and enjoyed it," she says.

So, why did she do this? "Last summer, when the temperature touched 40 degree and the car AC also was no help, I decided to do something about it. I researched and found that in Bengaluru, a kitchen garden has been set up on the roof of a bus. A taxi driver in Kolkata had set up a grass roof, also called green roof, on top of his car. After coming to know about these ventures, my family couldn't argue with me any more. Now, the interior temperature has gone down

considerably," Ritu says.

The passionate environmentalist in her also wants to compensate and find ways to avoid every kind of waste and pollutant generated at household-level. It's not just the ordinary kitchen waste that she turns into compost. She has taken huge strides by using modern gadgets to find solution for local eco-challenges. "Once, I used a TDS meter, which indicates the total dissolved solids (TDS) in a solution, to check the waste water dumped into the drains from the RO plant in my locality. I found that the TDS was 2,500. I conducted a research and found a solution. I added activated carbon to the waste water. Within a few days, the TDS came down to 1,300. After adding some neem and tulsi leaves in the water, I was sure it could be used for watering the garden," she says.

## Sasikumar murder case: 2 questioned

**Coimbatore:** Sleuths of the National Investigation Agency (NIA) interrogated two accused in the murder of Hindu Munnani spokesperson C Sasikumar at the NIA temporary office at Race Course on Thursday and Friday.

The agency had sent summons to S Saddam Hussain of Saibaba Colony and Syed Abudhakir of KK Pudur in Saibaba Colony to appear before it. They had obtained conditional bails a few months ago. Though NIA filed a petition seeking their custody, the court dismissed it on Friday. **TNN**

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- UKSDM has signed MoUs with 28 'Sector Skill Councils' and others are in the pipeline
- UKSDM is offering free skill training to youth from every district of Uttarakhand in more than 35 sectors as well as placement assistance to trainees
- Third party assessment and certification with national and International recognition
- Every course includes compulsory computer skill, entrepreneurship and soft skill training (20 hours each)
- Biometric Attendance System is compulsory during training
- UKSDM coordinates with all the government departments and central agencies for skill development
- UKSDM organise regular workshops to promote skill development activities
- Mission has started batches for Nari Niketan, Dehradun and also for jail inmates in District Jai, Dehradun, Haridwar, Haldwani and Sitarganj
- Mobile app 'Kushal Uttarakhand' launched to connect the skilled manpower to the market. People may find skilled workers as per their requirement through this app. This mobile application can be downloaded from google play store or [www.uksdm.org](http://www.uksdm.org) website.
- UKSDM started 'Earn while you learn programme', offering 3 year BVoc degree and a monthly stipend of more than ₹6,800
- UKSDM visited Volvo, L&T and JCB to explore opportunities for training in infrastructure and equipment sector
- UKSDM in collaboration with PMGSY trained 250 women of 'Mahila Mangal Dal' in Rudraprayag.
- UKSDM has received an award of excellence for innovation in use of IT in skill Development in the 'Global Skill Development' meet held at France.

### UTTARAKHAND: LEADING THE WAY TOWARDS A SKILLED INDIA

#### IMPARTING SKILLS FOR A BETTER FUTURE

The concerned department is organising training sessions across the state apart from the regular skill development courses that are conducted throughout the year at various district centres. A total of 58 inmates were imparted

they complete their term in the jail, he said. "The main aim of this training programme is to help the inmates live a self-dependent and respectable life outside the jail. And so that they don't walk on the path of crime and misdoings again. I would also

basic skill training in the field of organic farming. This training was conducted with the help of Sarg Vikas Samiti, a committee registered under the Agriculture Sector Skill Counselling. Dr Pankaj Kumar Pandey, director, UKSDM, inaugurated the training session. Stressing on providing skills to inmates so that they can blend in the society once

request the inmates to help each other learn new skills, as each one of us are gifted with unique skills. The more educated and learned among you, can help others by sharing some knowledge." Kits related to the training were also distributed among the inmates along with relevant books.

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### Shahla Siddiqui

In order to promote entrepreneurship and cater to domestic as well as overseas market demands across different sectors, Uttarakhand became the first state to inaugurate 'Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana 2.0' (PMKVY 2.0) state component in November last year. The first batch of this centre that was inaugurated by the CM Trivendra Singh Rawat, had 60 candidates. This became the first batch in the whole country under PMKVY.

The state, under the purview of Uttarakhand Skill Development Mission (UKSDM), is already training students from across 35 different sectors. Under the PMKVY, the state aims to train 25,000 students in 2018 and 1,00,000 youth to be trained by 2020.

PMKVY is a skill development initiative of Government of India for

short term skilling and recognition of prior learning of skills announced by Prime Minister, in 2015.

Uttarakhand Skill Development Mission is implementing PMKVY 2.0 by training as per national standards and is establishing training centers in each district of Uttarakhand.

UKSDM has trained women members of various Self-Help Groups (SHGs) for making LED light bulbs recently in a week-long workshop. The workshop was inaugurated by the CM and it turned out to be a great step towards energy efficiency as well as empowerment of women by imparting them a new skill.

UKSDM with UKRDA also trained SHGs to work on unmetalled road repair.

All participants were given a certificate by UKSDM. These women can now manufacture and sell LED lights and support themselves too.

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### TRIVENDRA SINGH RAWAT,

chief minister, Uttarakhand

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✓ **AFFLUENT** Tamil, M. lyengar P.Thevar, Chennai, seek well educated shudha jatakam bride above 23 for only son 27/175 M.Tech, Asst Professor, Veg. Ayilam-3 from any Brahmin family. Horoscope match essential. Mob: 7077702579, Mail: parents@srng.in

**IYER** Groom 37/165 Faculty Member in a leading Business School near Delhi looking for smart educated South Indian Brahmin girl. Contact 91-8861833464.

### JAIN

29/5'10" B.Tech IIT MBA IIM Working with MNC 60Lpa Father Industrialist Caste No Bar No Dowry #71560982 Email: agdimp@gmail.com

### KAYASTHA

SM for Jaipur Based Shrivastava Manglik boy (8-4, 1990, 425 AM, A.J.MER) B.Tech working in L&T Vadodara package Lac 8(=), preference to working girl, sub caste no bar contact: 9532370236

**AMB** boy 24/5'10" B.Tech wkg MNC Chennai own house Father seek slim fair tall Eng med girl doing B.Tech / MBA. E: sahay.vijay1307@gmail.com

### KHATRI

**WANTED** B'f, cultrd bride fr 31/5'10.5", Punjabi Khatri, well qualified boy in extremely well placed business. Respectable & Affluent family. #919530891

### BY RELIGION

### HINDU

**SEEKING** bride with MBBS/MD/MS/MDs for doctor with MBBS, MD, aged 32, 53", SC Hindu, working and well settled in Bangalore. Caste no bar. Call: 78966 92693

36/175 Hindu Saiva Pillai employed as Team Lead in Infosys, Bangalore seeks Cultured, Educated, Employed bride Ct: 09036335174, Email: angallaman78@gmail.com

### MUSLIM

**CG based** Sunni Muslim MBBS MD (Medicine) Working in Medical College 34/52" H'some Boy of Doctor Parent seeks P.G. Doctor Girl (Obst Gyna) from decent family. #9425596804

**AMERICAN** Muslim Journalist from India, retired, seeks a well-educated bride aged 45-55. Email with photo to: mmalik41@gmail.com.

### SIKH

SM 4 Clean Shaven, Handsome, Fair, Athletic, 34/59", Self-Employed from a well settled Mumbai based Jat Sikh family. New. Jatsikh@gmail.com, 8108281331.

### AGARWAL

**H'SME** Boy June /90 Born 5'10" Manglik / Non Manglik, IIT Alhmd, MS(USA), wkg Amazon USA, # 9871514587 Sallipoona m@hotmail.com,

**SUITABLE** Match for Handsome Aggarwal Boy, 190 Cms, 31, BE, Working for startup at Chennai. Send Relevant details to anilpagaarwal@gmail.com

**PQM4** fair smart 57" mba 87 btm btl mnc mgr 10lpa on anti-pleptic med with stiffness left leg no activity prblm. Contact: 9653533617

**H'SOME** Punjabi boy, MBA 58", Biore bad, short marriage. Seeks 1'less / never married pref. Ph: 8050132133, 9927933390 bangaloreveg@gmail.com

**SM4** Smart Aggarwal Boy, 5'11", Aug 79, Fless divorcee, B.Tech NIT, Mumbai 22 lpa. Whatsapp # 9980220608, #9663433699 E mail: ankmat1979@gmail.com

### BHUMIHAR

**BHUMIHAR** Handsome 32 /6 ft B.Tech MBA 18 Lac seeks matrimonial alliance matching working girl. Mobile: 7506047801 / 7480025445. Email: dp195709@gmail.com

### BY PROFESSION

### DOCTORS

**H'SOME** fair Vaish boy 30/6", MBBS, MS(Ophth) Delhi doing fellowship (S.N. Chennai), parents doctor, seeks b'f MBBS, MS, Girl, caste no bar Ph: 7979056376, 8002862078

**HANDSOME** Paswan boy 28, 5'5", M.B.A., working in N&C, seeks alliance with educated, smart and beautiful girl with good family background. Father Class I Officer in PSU. Contact Mobile 9969223062

**PQM4** MCA boy 58"/Dec' 84 job in US Veg. affluent family working homely educated Girl Caste no bar: #9911014887 E-mail: pallav29107@gmail.com

### SECOND MARRIAGE

### ALLIANCE

invited for a Gujarati/Jain 35/61" handsome B.E., M.S. boy Divorced & Is-sueless wkg in USA with Fortune 50. Seeking a smart, educated girl, Caste no bar. Visiting India in April. 9820271172, harmonymatch2@gmail.com

### BY LANGUAGE

### MALAYALI

**WELL** settled US based Son 1986 born MS Engg from Mum based affluent Konkani GSB family Contact Parent +91-9833158335 / +91-9820048923

### BRIDE WANTED

Bangalore based Kerala Vishwakarma Boy - 32, 165 cm, Thirunnam / Shrivana BE, MBA [UK], MD & CEO

Very Fair & Handsome High status & well established business family Looking for a like minded & well educated match from a hindu community. Please respond with detailed profile & latest photograph to bridesearch9199@gmail.com +91-9972098191

### GENERAL

### CASTE NO BAR

**SM4** Clean Shaven, Handsome, Fair, Athletic, 34/59", Self-Employed from a well settled Mumbai based Jat Sikh family. New. Jatsikh@gmail.com, 8108281331.

**SM4** 5'5" 10/02/1982 BE/ MA Eng wkg MNC Pune sal 11.5Lpa Punjabi Hindu, se caste/cst no Bar mob 9904116036 Email: vinayds@gmail.com

**MBA** (IMI University Belkum, European mgmt), Rohini, 29 Yrs, 185 cm, own Business seeks European nationality bride, Contact-9994834496, kandanpdy@gmail.com

**HINDU** 39/165/ Msc/ Wheatish/HCL Tech/chennai seeks bride, Caste no bar. 9597113308, rrvivekin.cbe@gmail.com

### SC/ST

**SM4** beautiful, fair, slim 40/53" convert, Ph.D (premier institution) Fless div work in Delhi. E: gnpnathk10@gmail.com Ph: 9830884997 (7 to 10 pm).

**INVITED** Suitable Match for Fair Brahmin Girl, 35/ KKB/5'4"/BE/Asst. Manager in Airport authority of India. mor93997-58739, 94079-84847

**B'FUL** Fair Brahmin girl 6ft, 85 born, 5'2" BE, Comp working in Mumbai, 23 lpa. Contact: 9869695205, vishubey55@gmail.com

**PQM4** Gujarati Brahman Daughter, BE IT, 2 x CCIE, Sr. Consultant Engineer@Bglr, 15LPA / NOV 83 /150CM Mb-91-9927325444, tcn1944@gmail.com

**LOOKING** North Indian Brahmin Groom for slim, v'b'ful, Adi NADI SP Brahmin 53"/Sep88 born girl educated at NIT-Ahld & IIT Madras. M: 9841645201, 09426540599 E-mail: rpo1963@gmail.com

**SM4** Sep 89/ 57" Conv. Edu, Slim V. fair, B'f, girl M.Tech (IIT) wkg H'ly Rptd MNC 15LPA, Father IAS. Early Decent marriage #9415104510

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27 157cm b'f, fair Sehl Top Brdg B.Tech VIT MBA SPJain wkg b'p4 rewd fmly seeks h'ly qldf boy of high status born, maheshwari, Agrwl fmly Email: jkt064@gmail.com

### JATAV

**JATAV** V.B'f, girl Dec'83/ 5'5" MBA Fthr Cl-I Otr seeks Cl-I/IIT/IM wkg sltd Caste no bar. E-mail: shivayatanam@gmail.com C:08853526146.

### BENGALI

**MATCH** for handsome MCA MBA (IIM) brahmin boy April 78/6 wrkg in Fluru (B1614338) ashok.raichowdhury@gmail.com # 9810953109, 011-25131895

28/5'5" baidya brahmin boy MS/Canada W'kg in Canada. Seeks Devgon, Ent. Fair, B'f, B'f, Girl, Interested to Settle in Canada. #9893135634

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### PUNJABI

**REPUTD** high status punjabi Business Khatri Family From Bangalore. Boy 1988 5'8". Fair Handsome. Seeking smart educated Girl from Punjabi Khatri Fmly. email: idibr@gmail.com

**IITIAN**, H'some, 5'11", June 83, wkg AVP MNC Mumbai, 30 lpa, Seeks PQ Wkg, Girl 5'1" & above, 31-34yr, Caste no bar, #981806922, #9082766131, Email: happyshad151@gmail.com

**WELL** STLD Del born US Ctn Athletic H'some Looks 27yrs 40/53" planned 2 settle Del seeks Young Slim B'f -25yrs, realstate7001@gmail.com

**SM4**, Well settled, Australian Citizen Sikh Clean Shaven boy 1991/ 5'10", Govt. Job, Prof. Sikh/ Punjabi girl, Educated 9306067025, bawa\_24@live.com

### RAJPUT

**SM4** Beautiful Girl 26/155, Mtech(VLSI) PDK Engineer Noida 11LPA, #7017682324, 9412125370, Avoid Shalkhalan, Dehlan

### DOCTORS

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### ELITE BRIDES WANTED

**Saiva Pillai**, 28, 183 cms, Businessman. Engineering Graduate, Lives in Tirunelveli. Father is into Business with a turnover in crores. Looking for a well educated match from a similar community. Contact: 7092788999

**Naidu**, 27, 173 cms, Management Professional. MBA from University of Texas. Lives in Chennai. Father is an Entrepreneur and Mother is a Managing Director. Family has a good net worth. Looking for a well educated match from the same community. Contact: 7550038196

**Mudaliar**, 28, 180 cms, Telecommunications Professional. Lives in USA. MS from Boston University. Father is into Business with a turnover in crores. Looking for a likeminded and well educated match from a similar community in USA. Contact: 7092511222

**Nadar-Christian/ CSI**, 29, 173 cms, Businessman, BFA from USA. Lives in Chennai. Family into Business with a turnover in crores. Looking for a likeminded and well educated match from a similar community in USA. Contact: 7092344555

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### KSHATRIYA

**SM**, DOB19.2.92/ 5'4", kurni kshatriya, B.Sc. (Fashion Design), Sr Lgs Mgr in Arvind Lifestyle Brands, only child, father retd Army Col, caste no bar. Defence officer, IAS/ IPS/ IES preferred. Mob-9532113802, alok1957@gmail.com

### VAISH

**MS (OB/GYN)** 27/52" B'f, Maheshwari girl from Rptd Dr. family, H'ly qldf Dr, other profnl prfd. 08318094355 E: timesmatr1990@gmail.com

### BY COMMUNITY

### AGARWAL

**SM4** Goyal b'f, Conv. Edu. girl 5'5" / 1.2.83/ Del/ 10:42am/ MBA(Dist. Learn) wkg in Ggn/ Del b'd fmly/Decent Marriage. E-mail: ashkogoyal04@gmail.com

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### JAT

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**Tamil Yadav**, 23, 155 cms, Doctor. Lives in Chennai. Father runs his own business with a net worth of several crores. Looking for a well educated match from the same community in India. Contact: 7550038192

**Kamma**, 30, 168 cms, Kamma, PhD. Father is a Businessman with a microtrone net worth. Looking for like minded and well educated match from the same community in California. Contact: 7092344555

**Muslim - Urdu**, 2



## Man gored to death in jallikattu near Melur

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**Madurai:** A man who was standing at the collection point of a jallikattu event held in the district on Saturday, was killed when he was gored by a bull.

The jallikattu was held in connection with the Sivannayagi Amman temple in Makkampatti near Melur. Selvendran, 23, of a Vellalapatti near Melur who had come for the event was standing at the collection point and was attempting to catch the bull when the animal gored him, police sources said. He was rushed to the government hospital, but died on the way. Ten other bull tamers sustained injuries.

Earlier, elaborate arrangements were made for the event, and the animals and bull tamers were allowed into the ring only after they were checked by veterinarians and doctors, who certified them fit for the game. Special pujas were also performed before the game commenced. More than 900 bulls and 500 bull tamers had registered for the game.

Prizes like bureaus, beds, cots, cycles and silver utensils distributed to the winning bulls and tamers.

## Three die, five injured as vehicle overturns

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**Trichy:** Three people – including a woman and her son – were killed, while five others were severely injured in a road accident near Velankanni in Nagapattinam district in the early hours of Saturday.

Velankanni police have registered a case and are investigating the accident, while those injured were given treatment at Nagapattinam government hospital.

The deceased were identified as Dilip Kumar, 30, his mother Krishnaveni, 50, and Arusamy, 50, all hailing from Kerala. The incident occurred around 3am when the car, in which Kumar, Krishnaveni, her husband Bagatheswaran, and two relatives Arusamy and Dharani, turned turtle on East Coast Road near Velankanni. The five had been on a temple tour in Tamil Nadu. Kumar, who was driving, tried to overtake a vehicle but lost control and turned turtle after colliding with an auto rickshaw and a mini truck. Kumar and Krishnaveni died on the spot. The three others in the car were severely injured.

Mini truck driver Ravichandran, its owner Devendran and auto driver Govindasamy also suffered injuries. Velankanni police reached the spot and rushed the injured rushed to the hospital. Arusamy was declared brought dead.

## ‘Cancer among people below 30 is significantly high’

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**Trichy:** The occurrence of cancer among people below 30 years of age in India is significantly higher in comparison to western countries, said chairperson of Adyar Cancer Institute (WIA) Dr V Shanta here on Saturday.

She also spoke about the most common forms of cancer that are affecting people in India and the importance of cancer detection at an early stage at an event marking international women's day in Trichy, where she was invited as the chief guest. The event was jointly organised by ENABLE, YUGAA, Dr G Viswanathan Speciality Hospitals and Dr K Shantha Breast Cancer Foundation.

Dr Shanta emphasised on the importance of mammogram for diagnosing breast cancer at an early stage. She said though the usual age for women to un-



Chairperson of Adyar Cancer Institute Dr V Shanta

dergo mammogram test was 40, the rule doesn't apply for all. "It's very important to look at family history – if a woman's family members had cancer then it is important for her to take the mammogram test as early as possible," she said.

Dr Shanta also said that the interpretation of mammography should always be done along with a clinician for accurate diagnosis and detection. The Padma Vibhushan awardee also spoke about how the occurrence of cancer among youngsters has increased.

## Nanjil Sampath quits politics, slams TTV

### Vows To Help Kids Improve Oratory Skills

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**Chennai:** Nanjil Sampath, propaganda secretary of the now-defunct AIADMK Amma faction led by T T V Dhinakaran, has quit politics, after accusing Dhinakaran of ignoring "Anna and Dravidam" in his newly floated political outfit, Amma Makkal Munnetra Kazhagam. The firebrand speaker sought to put to rest the speculations of re-joining TTV camp or any other political party in the future.

He said he would associate himself with literary circles, helping students improve oratorical skills. "Dhinakaran believes that he can run the party by ignoring Anna and Dravidam. I wish him success. I will

### HIS JOURNEY

➤ Began his political career as propaganda secretary of the DMK

➤ One of the founding leaders of Vaiko's MDMK in 1993

➤ In 2012, he joined J Jayalithaa's AIADMK

➤ Jayalalithaa sacked him from party post in 2015. Reinducted again



not seek answers from him since he is a leader, whom I celebrated and respected once. He has done a murder in broad daylight," Sampath told reporters in Kanyakumari. Sampath said he was not taken into confidence by the party leadership before deciding the new party name.

Responding to the allega-

tions, Dhinakaran said he sought three names bearing Dravidar in it, but they were registered by the rivals before the election commission. "It is an interim arrangement by us before retrieving the two-leaves symbol. Amma symbolizes Periyar, Annadurai and MGR. I won't accept Sampath's remarks belittling our leader," Dhinakaran said. "We moved the court to get two-leaves symbol. If I float a new party, I would lose my rights as a petitioner, which is why I prayed before the court for an interim arrangement," he said.

Party sources claimed that Sampath was to be one of the speakers at the party launch in Melur, but he remained inaccessible throughout that day. "Despite repeated attempts by the partymen, he gave a cold shoulder," said a senior leader. The former deputy propaganda secretary of AIADMK, Sampath quit the AIADMK in January last year after the death of Jayalalithaa.

### REGION DIGEST

#### Woman kills self after family row

A woman committed suicide by immolating herself near Rameswaram in Ramanathapuram district on Friday. Police said, Mangaleswari, 29, wife of Rajendran of Karaiyur, had taken the extreme step after a family dispute. Her husband who attempted to rescue her was also injured. Port Police have registered a case.

#### Car runs over man in

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#### Unidentified body found in

**Coimbatore:** The body of an unidentified man bearing injuries was found near a burial ground at Karavalimad-

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#### Jet's Trichy-Mumbai-Delhi

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# Congress: Will cooperate with like-minded parties for '19 polls

## Wants Return Of Ballot Papers, Junking Of EVMs

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**New Delhi:** Underscoring what is becoming the war cry of the opposition camp, Congress on Saturday said it will cooperate with like-minded parties to defeat the Modi government in the next Lok Sabha elections even as it demanded a return to the use of ballot paper instead of electronic voting machines.

Indicating its willingness to work with non-NDA parties and even some which it has confronted as political rivals in the past, Congress said it will adopt a "pragmatic approach" to coalition-building. This reflects the view of the party leadership that the biggest possible tent be raised to counter BJP's current political dominance.

The party's accommodative line has been influenced by BJP's setbacks in recent Lok Sabha byelections as well as its limitations as



**LIGHTER MOMENT:** Congress president Rahul Gandhi with mother Sonia during the party's 84th plenary session on Saturday

came to the fore in the UP parliamentary bypolls in Gorakhpur and Phulpur. Congress's success in wresting two Lok Sabha seats in Rajasthan has encouraged the party to think that it might have a chance in the BJP-ruled state that is due to go to polls later this year.

The intent to form an alliance of like-minded parties for 2019, on the lines of UPA, was explained by party leader Sonia Gandhi who ushered Congress into the coalition age in 2004. The leader has also been speaking informally with opposition leaders, sounding out the possibility of a coalition with BJP

emerging as the main rival in states like Odisha while breaking new ground in the north-east.

Interestingly, Congress's political resolution demanded that EVMs be junked, making it clear that recent opposition wins have not convinced the party that the machines cannot be manipulated to deny it victory. The document said there are doubts among political parties about the voting machines. The demand is also seen as an olive branch to allies which have revolted against the machines.

Addressing the AICC conclave, Sonia referred to

the Panchmarhi brainstorming session to say that Congress reached a consensus in 1998 that it should not ally with other political parties.

"But after five years, with changed political circumstances, we decided at the Shimla session of 2003 that we should work with like-minded parties. Because of this, we in 2004 accomplished a target that people saw as impossible.

Congress formed the Central government under the leadership of Manmohan Singh," she said, adding that it was because of the achievements of the 2004 government that Congress received a bigger mandate in 2009.

Anti-BJP coalition for 2019 polls has become the leitmotif of opposition talk in recent weeks. Sonia Gandhi and Rahul have issued appeals to potential allies on four different occasions.

Sonia also hosted a dinner for opposition parties on Tuesday. Alongside, other parties like Trinamool Congress and NCP of Sharad Pawar have also launched parallel consultations with regional parties.

## Rahul, Sonia try to bridge gen divide within party

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**New Delhi:** Assuring the party "old-guard" about their future role in Congress, Rahul Gandhi on Saturday said he would take the youth and seniors together, adding that it was a Congress tradition to embrace change without forgetting the party's legacy.

Speaking at AICC's 84th plenary session which is themed "Change is Now" in keeping with Rahul's take over, the Gandhi scions said, "If the youths have to take the Congress forward, it cannot be done without the experience of the party veterans." He added, "My task is to take together the seniors and the youth."

**The 'old guard vs GenNext' faultline is seen as one of the reasons why the party has not gelled as an organisation in recent years**

Rahul's mention of the issue right at the top of his very brief opening speech showed that it required addressing in the wake of concerns among senior leaders about their future after Sonia Gandhi.

The 'old guard vs GenNext' faultline is seen as one of the reasons why the party has not gelled as an organisation in recent years.

In her address, Sonia Gandhi urged the party to support Rahul which was seen as an appeal to the generation which has worked under her leadership almost for two decades.

Rahul added weight to his reassuring words by pointing to former PM Manmohan Singh, P Chidambaram, Punjab chief minister Amarinder Singh and Karnataka chief minister Siddaramaiah, who were sitting in the front rows saying, "Representatives of the party have fought hard to keep the Congress ideology alive. Senior leaders of the Congress will guide the youth and take the party forward."

# Shah takes stock of Andhra after TDP's NDA pullout

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**New Delhi:** BJP president Amit Shah held consultations on Saturday with party leaders from



Andhra Pradesh to take stock of political situation in the wake of Telugu Desam Party (TDP) pulling out of NDA over the demand for granting special status to the state.

"We have more than 48,000 booth-level workers in Andhra Pradesh... Chandrababu Naidu has given us an opportunity to grow in the state," Shah said in a TV programme soon after holding deliberations with the party's leaders from Andhra Pradesh. Shah said the party is ready to face the electorate on its own even as he said that BJP strongly believes in alliance politics as it has done in UP, Tripura and various other states.

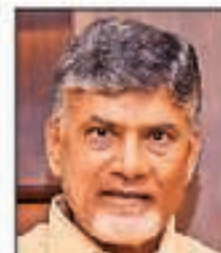
BJP general secretary Ram Madhav, who also attended the meeting, said the Centre had done a lot for the

## Stay alert for next 2 days: Naidu to TDP MPs

**Amaravati:** A day after momentum picked up for a no-trust motion against the NDA government with opposition parties pledging support, Andhra Pradesh chief minister Chandrababu Naidu on Saturday asked TDP MPs to remain alert for the next two days.

Addressing the legislators through teleconference, Naidu wanted them to be in touch with leaders of various regional and national parties that are sympathetic to AP's concerns. He also directed them to expose the alleged 'corrupt politics' of the YSR Congress, particularly its MP V Vijayasai Reddy, who has been making regular visits to the Prime Ministers' Office. He wanted the MPs to also expose the YSR Congress-BJP 'nexus'.

Naidu told his MPs to continue protests inside and outside Parliament for TDP's main demand of special category status for the state. "There will be no compromise on the issues of the state and the YSR Congress should not be allowed to take advantage of the situation to derive political mileage," Naidu reportedly told the MPs. **TNN**



state and is willing to do more, asserting that BJP will explain its position to the people of Andhra. Besides Madhav, Andhra Pradesh BJP chief K Hari Babu was among the leaders present.

The saffron party finds itself in a tight corner in the state as its two main parties —TDP and YSR Congress —have sought to corner it on

the issue of special status category. Both the parties have moved a no-confidence motion against the Modi government in the Lok Sabha. The state sends 25 MPs to the Lok Sabha and is scheduled to go to polls along with next year's parliamentary elections. BJP had won two Lok Sabha seats in 2014 in alliance with TDP which won 15 seats.

# 'Hindutva being misrepresented as Hinduism'

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**New Delhi:** Congress attacked the BJP government for "inflaming communal passions" and sought to make a political point by differentiating the "political ideology" of Hindutva that was being misrepresented as Hinduism, a deliberate blurring to stoke social disharmony.

Making a distinction between the two, Congress's political resolution said the essence of Hinduism is "all-encompassing, upholder of humane values and our composite culture" which must be distinguished from BJP-RSS's Hindutva.

The explanation diverged from Congress's traditional

## Learn canvassing from RSS: Kharge to Cong

**Congress veteran Mallikarjun Kharge** on Saturday launched a sharp attack on RSS but also cited the saffron organisation as an exemplar of sorts in political campaigning.



Urging Congress workers to campaign hard and win the coming election in his home state, Kharge said, "With your (party members and workers) blessings and cooperation we will once again win Karnataka. Your help is needed. The way BJP and RSS workers go door-to-door, the same way you also help us in Karnataka." he comment came in front of the Congress

leadership and delegates from across the country at the AICC plenary session. **TNN**

criticism of the rival which followed a "communal vs secular" theme and seems to reflect concern that it should not be branded "anti-majority", an apprehension expressed by party leader Sonia Gandhi recently when she

said BJP had managed to paint Congress as a "Muslim party".

While the diagnosis was first made by veteran A K Antony in the wake of Congress's decimation in 2014 polls when he said the party

was seen as "pro-minority" and needed to course-correct, Sonia Gandhi last week junked nuances to articulate the issue in blunt terms.

Speaking at a convention, Sonia listed many reasons for Congress's fall and stated, "BJP has managed to convince people, to persuade people that Congress is a Muslim party. In my party, the great majority is Hindu."

"Yes, there are Muslims too. So I fail to understand this branding of us as a Muslim party," she said. The remark is seen as the most candid expression of the lament in Congress over the polarization effected by Modi-led BJP since 2014 and BJP's continued aggression on this front.

# Cong: Success in K'taka polls will be stepping stone to victory in 2019

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**New Delhi:** Congress raised the coming Karnataka assembly elections to a make or break battle by saying that the victory in the state was a must which would overwhelm the BJP and return the opposition back to power.

Former Congress president Sonia Gandhi recalled how the party had emerged much stronger 40 years back after Indira Gandhi returned to Lok Sabha in the 1978 by-

election from Karnataka's Chikmagalur:



"It's my firm belief that my party will once again show similar exemplary performance in coming assembly elections in Karnataka elections which will give new direction to the politics of the country," Sonia Gandhi said, addressing AICC's 84th plenary session.

The assembly poll in Karnataka scheduled in May is in run up to 2019 Lok Sabha polls.

Speaking at the plenary session, Karnataka chief minister Siddaramaiah said, "It is going to be a secularism versus communalism contest (in Karnataka). The Congress is confident that under Rahul's leadership, we will come back to power with a thumping majority in Karnataka. It will be a big boost and work as a stepping stone for the coming Parliamentary elections."

# Cong had exposed graft by PM & his friends: Sonia

► From P 1

**While** Rahul is to deliver his major speech on Sunday, Sonia led the attack on the Modi government, saying the PM's pledge in the 2014 election to pursue inclusive development and crack down on corruption was nothing more than showboating while the pro-poor policies initiated under UPA have been reversed.

Sonia and Rahul attacked the Modi regime for "vendetta politics" with the political resolution referring to the misuse of official agencies, though the

document does not contain any mention of cases against Karti Chidambaram, son of senior Congress functionary and former finance minister P Chidambaram.

Sonia's sharp attack set off lusty sloganeering from party delegates as she said Congress had exposed corruption by PM Modi and his "friends" even as his government had weakened welfare programmes.

"People have now understood that his 2014 promises of 'sabka saath sabka vikas' and 'nakhaongana nakhaedunga' besides his 'Mann ki Baat' on radio, were pure 'dramebaazi'

and a trick to wangle votes and grab power," she charged.

The frontal attack in the countdown to a busy election

## AIMING FOR POLLS

calendar leading to the mega 2019 contest was expected but appeared to carry a raw whiff of confidence post-2014.

It appeared anchored in the recent negatives against BJP on graft and governance fronts, planks that the saffron camp has dominated since 2014, dislodging Congress in Delhi and across many states.

The PNB scam of Nirav Modi and BJP's defeat in Gorakhpur and Phulpur in the byelections on seats vacated by the UP chief minister and the deputy CM this week have emboldened Congress to talk about corruption and governance on BJP's watch.

The AICC session is crucial as party leaders from states take the template of campaign to their turfs while gauging the self-belief of the leadership.

No surprise that while laying an additional emphasis on "exposing" the Modi regime, the Gandhis tried to convince

the gathering that political change is in the air.

In his opening speech, Rahul said the youth of the country was weary and unable to figure out where it would find employment while farmers were wondering how they will get remunerative prices for their crops.

In what appeared a jibe at BJP's "Congress-mukt" slogan, Sonia referred to Congress's performance in the Gujarat elections and the bypoll wins in Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh to say that the rivals had underestimated its resilience.

## A FEAST OF SORTS

K K Choudhary



**A SWEET GESTURE:** A shopper looking at colourful sugar crystals (Gathi) kept for sale ahead of the Gudi Padwa festival, at Vashi in Navi Mumbai on Saturday

## Armyman accused of raping boxer in Chhattisgarh

**Bhilai:** Police have booked an armyman for the alleged rape of a state-level boxer in Bhilai on March 15. The accused, 25-year-old Shreenu from Bhilai in Chhattisgarh, is on the run, police said.

According to the complaint, filed on Friday, Shreenu raped the boxer after luring her to a house on the pretext of giving her tips on how to clear the physical tests in police recruitment. The girl came in contact with Shreenu through a common friend.

When they met, Shreenu allegedly convinced the girl that he will help her clear the

exam. On the evening of March 14, Shreenu allegedly told her that her friend is calling her to Sector-7. The girl agreed to go with him, but Shreenu allegedly took her to a house in Sector-1.

She got uncomfortable on realising that her friend wasn't there and said she wanted to return home. However, Shreenu dragged her into the house, locked the door and raped her, says the complaint.

The boxer fought back and screamed for help, but he allegedly threatened to kill her if she didn't keep quiet. **TNN**

## CRPF transfers commandant of Sukma battalion

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**New Delhi:** Five days after nine jawans of CRPF's 212th battalion were killed in an IED blast in Sukma, triggered by Maoists, the central paramilitary force has transferred its Commandant Prashant Dhar.

Dhar, sources said, has been punished for ignoring the orders not to allow any movement towards Palodion Tuesday, when the CoBRA battalion had already faced an attack in the morning.

TOI had reported that Chhattisgarh Police's Sukma SP, Abhishek Meena, in-



**IED BLAST FALLOUT**

sisted on going to Palodi despite a warning by CRPF, but Dhar didn't stop him and

sent two MPVs along with the SP.

Officials said that Dhar, the Commanding Officer (CO), was transferred to the North East sector late Friday evening, pending inquiry.

They said the role of the officer is under scrutiny for alleged lapses that led to the killing of the nine CRPF jawans in Sukma on March 13 as their mine-protected vehicle (MPV) was blown off by the Maoists.

Dhar, officials said, was directed by the CRPF Director General (DG) R R Bhattacharya, through field commanders, to exercise caution and

not allow any movement on the 5-km under-construction Kistarn-Palodi road after an encounter between the Maoists and security forces in the morning on the fateful day.

But Sukma SP Abhishek Meena visited the area and CRPF, the state police and district reserve group (DRG) contingents accompanied him and Dhar for their onward movement to some newly established security camps, including Palodi. A Court of Inquiry (COI) will probe why and how Dhar allowed movement on the stretch.

# 'Muslims are siblings, must respect Hindus if 'family' is to run smooth'

Mohd Dilshad | TNN

**Muzaffarnagar:** Uttar Pradesh chief information commissioner Hafiz Usman has landed himself in another controversy by saying that "Muslims were younger brothers of Hindus and must respect them if the family is to run smoothly".

However, he also advised Hindus to reciprocate with the same gesture. "An elder remains an elder till such time that he respects those younger to him," he said.

In another controversy last year, Usman had raised the slogan of "Jai Shri Ram" several times while address-

ing the audience during a workshop on the Right to Information Act in Moradabad, where district magistrates and other officials were also in attendance.

Speaking at a private function in Muzaffarnagar on Saturday, Usman said, "I appeal to every Muslim that he must respect a Hindu because, in India, a Hindu is the elder brother while a Muslim is the younger one. And if this respect is missing, a family cannot run."

Usman went on to tell how minorities enjoyed far more rights in India than any other country. "India is the country where we live in

peace. I have visited several countries, like Saudi Arabia and UAE, where I tried to speak with local residents about their King or PM. However, no one wanted speak against the government or their PM. In India, however, you can speak about your rights and hold demonstrations," Usman said.

On April 20, 2017, while addressing a workshop as the chief guest in Moradabad, Usman first spoke on the RTI Act before starting his speech on triple talaq and raising slogans of both "Jai Shri Ram" and "Bharat Mata ki Jai".

# What's cooking? NCP prez Pawar meets Raj Thackeray for 40 mins

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**Mumbai:** MNS chief Raj Thackeray met NCP president Sharad Pawar here on Friday, triggering speculation of new political equations in the state. The meeting, held at Pawar's Nepean Sea Road residence, lasted 40 minutes, it is learned.

There were reports that Raj requested Pawar to attend MNS' Gudi Padwa jamboree at Shivaji Park on Sunday where the MNS president is to address his followers. For all practical purposes, Raj will flag off his party's campaign at the rally, it is said. Raj is believed to have told party colleagues to tell mediapersons his meeting with Pawar was merely a "courtesy call".

Sources in NCP said Pawar could be thinking of having MNS on board the Congress-NCP alliance in Maharashtra to woo Marathi voters, chiefly in the Mumbai metropolitan region. The idea is to make it tough for BJP to bond with 'sons of the soil,' said analysts.

"MNS may be on a weak wicket in political terms, but Raj's personal popularity remains fairly intact. The Gen-Now Marathis, both from urban and rural areas, consider him a charismatic leader," sources said. A section in NCP wants Raj to be a component of



**'COURTESY CALL':** Pawar, Raj

the party's poll campaign, given his speaking skills, it is said.

Pawar and Raj have moved closer after the latter held an open-house interview with the NCP chief in Pune last month. The two-hour-long interview drew large crowds, especially young voters. Answering Raj's questions, Pawar spoke of how Gujarati entrepreneurs were set to infiltrate Mumbai and Pune as the two cities have emerged as the country's premier financial hubs.

Pawar almost sounded like the late Bal Thackeray when he said Vasai and Mira-Bhayander were choc-a-bloc with Gujaratis. "I hardly see a Marathi signboard in the two bustling cities... They are more in Gujarati," he said. Ruling out any move by New Delhi to turn Mumbai into a centrally-ruled territory, Pawar said, touching a chord among the gathering: "Not even Gods can separate Mumbai from Maharashtra... And should someone try, we will join hands to thwart the plan."



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# In World Heritage City, explorers discover timeless marvels of globe

Gujarat Governor Launches Times Passion Trails That Highlight Ahmedabad's 600-Year Living History

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

A group of cultural explorers — brought together by Times Passion Trails — on Friday began exploring the intersections of modernity and 600-year-old living history in Ahmedabad, declared by UNESCO as a World Heritage City. The sites to be covered include the majestic Jama Masjid; pol houses with their richly textured facades; and Sarkhej Roza, acclaimed as Ahmedabad's acropolis.

Gujarat governor O P Kohli launched the trail in the presence of the state's chief secretary Dr J N Singh, principal secretary of tourism S J Haider, and city mayor Gautam Shah. The trail is led by Debashish Nayak from Ahmedabad University. Nayak is an Ashoka fellow and architect. The Archaeological Survey of India's superintending archaeologist, Anil Tiwari, and deputy superintending archaeologist, Arun Malik, have extended support to Times Passion Trails.

"I often refer to the Walled City of Ahmedabad as a 'Living Museum'," said Kohli. "The governor paid tribute to the luminously eclectic social tapestry of the city, which is exemplified by the Gujarati-style of architecture that blends Hindu, Jain, and Islamic traditions. 'The



From left (seated): Sudha Natrajan, Debashish Nayak, mayor Gautam Shah, governor O P Kohli, chief secretary J N Singh, and principal secretary S J Haider



city's notable business icons have been great philanthropists," Kohli said. "It was this spirit that drew Mahatma Gandhi to the city to establish his Satyagraha Ashram in 1915."

Nayak said: "I want the trail participants to begin seeing other old cities in the country in a new light." Mayor Shah said, "When UNESCO declared Ahmedabad as India's first World Heritage City, it bestowed tremendous responsibility on us." He went on to say: "We should take our story to the rest of the country and encourage other cities to conserve heritage."

Chief secretary Singh said, "The government of Gujarat believes that Times Passion Trails for heritage will evoke passion among many for the state's heritage, just as the trails for wildlife did for the state's natural bounties." He went on to say: "This is our first collaboration to put together a unique experiential tour customized for travellers and seekers."

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## 4 Andhra men choke to death in septic tank

**Visakhapatnam:** Four on Saturday died of asphyxiation after inhaling poisonous gas in a septic tank, police said.

Police identified the deceased as Kandarakota Appa Rao, 55, his son Rajasekhara, 28, and Rao's nephews K Krishna, 28, and Nageswara Rao, 27.

Krishna's brother Sattibabu has been admitted to the hospital and his condition is said to be stable, police said.

According to police, Appa Rao had constructed a new septic tank around nine-feet-deep close to an old one of his house at Upamaka village in the district.

Rao on Saturday entered the new tank to link it to the old one by drilling a hole with an iron rod. Minutes later, poisonous gas entered the new septic tank from the old one and the man fell unconscious. His son tried to rescue him, but he too fainted.

Noticing them in trouble, Rao's three nephews attempted to rescue the two but all were affected by the gas, they said.

## Scams apart, ₹1,300 crore lying unclaimed with banks

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**Bengaluru:** The ripples of the ₹13,000 crore fraud played by businessmen Nirav Modi and Mehul Choksi on Punjab National Bank are still felt across the banking sector. Even as multiple agencies probe the scam, a whopping amount nearly equaling the sum involved in the PNB case sits quietly in various banks. An amount of ₹11,302 crore, belonging to more than three crore account holders, is lying unclaimed with 64 banks, data from Reserve Bank of India (RBI) shows.

Section 26 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949, mandates that banks submit a return of all accounts in India which have not been operated for ten years to RBI, within 30 days after the close of each calendar year. But Section 26A says that it does not prevent a depositor or claimant

### BIG SUMS, BUT NO TAKERS

BANKS	UNCLAIMED DEPOSITS*
SBI	1,262
20 Other Nationalised Banks	8,290
ICICI	476
Kotak Mahindra	151
17 Other Pvt Banks	789
HSBC	105
Standard Chartered Bank	103
All Other Foreign Banks	124
Grand Total	11,302

\*Source: Reserve Bank of India. Amount in crore rupees, rounded off

from claiming the deposit or operating the account after the expiry of the period of ten years and the banking company is liable to repay the amount.

Among the banks, the largest amount—₹1,262 crore—lies with State Bank of India and ₹1,250 crore with PNB, while all other nationalised banks together hold ₹7,040 crore. But all this money is just a fraction of the total deposits of more than ₹100 lakh crore handled by banks in India.

Former RBI chair professor at IIM-B Charan Singh said, "Most of these deposits would be cases of deceased account holders, or people with multiple bank accounts. It is unlikely that too much of it, or may be any of it, is benami or unaccounted money."

Money lying in dormant bank accounts is parked in the Depositor Education and Awareness Fund (DEAF), which has been created under the provisions of the Banking Laws (Amendment) Act, 2012.

# 10-yr-old infuses colour into SC's world of black & white verdicts

Gives Hand-Made Card To Judges For Settling 7-Yr-old Parents' Dispute

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**New Delhi:** A 10-year-old boy was instrumental in bringing colour to the 68-year long black-and-white world of Supreme Court judgments through a beautiful hand-made card expressing gratitude to the judges for settling a bitter seven-year long matrimonial dispute between his parents.

The judges, who follow the law, seldom look for appreciation for their efforts in penning a judgment or settling an entangled matrimonial dispute and even rarely take anything from either litigants or lawyers as an expression of gratitude.

But a bench of Justices Kurian Joseph and M Shantanagoudar happily made the exception, given joyous exuberance of the boy to present a card to them as an innocent expression of gratitude for settling the festering dispute between his father and mother, even if it could not succeed in keeping them together.



Before parting with the judgment, we may hasten to observe that what has been closed is not simply twenty three cases; in the background of both the parties, they would have easily gone for many more litigations in the coming years

SUPREME COURT BENCH

After their marriage in 1997, the couple had two children — a 20-year-old girl and the boy. Marital disputes and differences emerged and they started living separately since 2011. The bench summed up the viciousness of the marital discord: "They are involved in various litigations, civil as well as criminal. As of now, 23 cases are pending before trial courts, high courts and the Supreme Court as well as consumer forum."

The knots were not easy to unravel. Attempts were first made by Justice Lisa Gill of Punjab and Haryana HC, followed by SC-appointed amicus

curiae and senior advocate Meenakshi Arora, both of whom earned praise from the SC though were unable to take the couple towards a settlement. The bench decided to call them to their chamber. The priestly intervention by Justices Joseph and Shantanagoudar and the tireless efforts by them convinced the parties about the futility of litigation and made them bury the hatchet. The bench accepted the settlement and ordered dismissal of all the pending litigation between them.

But the bench could not save the marriage as the couple decided to part ways for

good through divorce by mutual consent. The SC agreed knowing that most happy endings have a tinge of bitterness. Saving them from the queues in family courts for getting a divorce decree, the bench passed an order dissolving their marriage. It asked the husband to transfer a plot of land in Panchkula district jointly in the names of the erstwhile wife and the two children and pay them ₹50,000. Writing the judgment Justice Joseph said: "Before parting with the judgment, we may hasten to observe that what has been closed is not simply twenty three cases; in the background of both the parties, they would have easily gone for many more litigations in the coming years."

The bench said the family courts must realise that Section 9 of the Family Courts Act, 1984, not only mandates them to decide matrimonial disputes, but also casts a duty on them to "make an endeavour to assist and persuade the parties in arriving at a settlement".

## Judiciary muzzled, says ex-top court judge

**Kochi:** At a seminar on 'The Challenges Faced by Democracy' here on Saturday, former Supreme Court Justice C. J. Ramesh highlighted the case of Justice K M Joseph, former chief justice of Uttarakhand, who was not elevated to the SC allegedly because he had quashed the President's Rule in the state and thus antagonised the powers that be.

"The message the Union government is trying to convey is they would object to anybody who opposes the political ideology propagated by them," Justice Ramesh said.

He referred to Justice Jayant Patel, who quit a Karnataka high court judge following his transfer to Allahabad high court when he was tipped for elevation, a transfer that would have reduced him to a puisne (junior) judge. Justice Patel had directed a CBI investigation into the Ishrat Jahan fake encounter case when he was acting chief justice of Gujarat high court.

Senior SC advocate Prasanth Bhusan, in his keynote address, said the four pillars of democracy were affected by corruption.

## Yogi transfers Gorakhpur DM, 37 IAS officers

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**Lucknow:** UP CM Aditya Nath Yogi cracked down on babus, transferring as many as 37 IAS officers and 43 IPS officers in a span of three days since BJP lost in Gorakhpur and Pulpur bypolls. The collector of Gorakhpur was among 16 DMs who were transferred on Friday.

Ballia DM was also removed and sources said this followed the demand from two party MLAs. The CM is learned to have reprimanded senior officers of his office and other departments and asked them to set up a mechanism to swiftly dispose of complaints from the public as well as party workers.

Sources said Yogi will now spend more time in Lucknow and will focus more on governance. It is not clear if he would be cutting down on campaigning in other states going to the polls this year. While he has been traditionally spending the nine days of Navaratri at the Gorakhnath Math at Gorakhpur, this year, he would be in Lucknow for at least the first three days of the festival.

Even on Saturday, he cancelled his programmes in Delhi and remained in Lucknow, holding meetings.

## Rewards top cops of districts with most encounters

**Meerut:** Nine police officers from West UP were among those felicitated for "exemplary services" by CM Aditya Nath Yogi at a private event in Lucknow on Saturday.

Ajay Pal Sharma, Anant Dev and Ajay Sahani, district police heads of Shamli, Muzaffarnagar and Azamgarh (in East UP), which have the top three encounter deaths in the state, were given the 'special award'. Prashant Kumar, additional director-general of Meerut zone, which has recorded the highest number of encounters in all eight zones of UP in the past year, was given the award for strategic planning and leadership.

The awards have been instituted by a private TV channel and given away by the CM. However, the awardees downplayed the encounter angle.

now, holding meetings. "He plans to focus on governance more than anything else," said a senior functionary of the government, adding that he would be meeting people and officers on Sunday, despite it being the first day of the Navratri.

## Raids on Hyd judge assets after HC nod, DA case lodged

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**Hyderabad:** In an unprecedented development, Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) sleuths on Saturday raided properties of a judicial officer for allegedly possessing assets disproportionate to his known sources of income. Incidentally, the ACB personnel carried out the raids only after getting the green signal from the Hyderabad high court.

ACB officials, in an official release issued here, said so far they had recovered properties worth ₹3.57 crore (document value) from judicial officer Mallampati Gandhi. The raids were still continuing till last reports came in around 10.30pm.

During the raids, the investigators unearthed a kilogram of gold, 4 kg of silver at his residence, 18 acres of agricultural land in West Godavari district, two flats, one each in Banjara Hills and DD Colony, and a three-story building and several other properties. Apart from the gold seized at his residence, the officials discovered that he has a bank locker. They immediately went to State Bank of India, Warasiguda, and found gold jewellery weighing 15 kg stashed in the locker. They seized the jewellery too.

The ACB sleuths claimed all the properties and valuables were bought by Gandhi between 1994 and 2018.

## IIT-Kanpur to ensure at least 14% girls on all campuses

Manash Gohain & Somaatta Basu | TNN

**New Delhi:** IIT-Kanpur has been entrusted with writing the seat allocation algorithm which will help all Indian Institutes of Technology ensure the number of girl students on each campus will be at least 14%. This was decided at the Joint Admission Board (JAB) meet here on Saturday.

The step is part of the government's long-term plan to increase the female representation in IITs to 20% of the total number of students by 2026. The number of girls in the IIT campuses are set to see a quantum leap of 14% as there will be a separate supernumerary list prepared for coming session. This will be apart from the girls short-listed in the common list for admissions. The JAB decision came following a circular from the ministry of human resource development specifying that the number of girls to be admitted — to achieve 14% — will be "supernumerary" and the number of boys to be admitted cannot go down from the 2017 number.

"The numbers of the girls in the common list will not be calculated in the 14%, which means there will be more girls in the campuses now," said R Subrahmanyam, secretary, higher education, MHRD.

## Mangala is Isro's 1st woman to spend over a year in Antarctica

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**New Delhi:** At the age of 56, having never experienced a snowfall before, yet lugging kilos of equipment across an icy landscape, Mangala Mani, Isro's first woman scientist who spent over 403 days in Antarctica, is a true embodiment of 'nari shakti' (woman power).

Staying in the world's coldest place where minimum temperatures can slide to -90°C, Mangala Mani was part of a 23-member expedition team that went to India's research station, Bharati, in the icy continent in November 2016. She was the only woman in the all-men team.

Mani, who successfully completed her mission last December, said, "The Antarctica mission was really a challenge. The climate was very harsh. We were very careful while going out of our climate-controlled research station. One had to wear polar clothing. Even two or three hours out in the severe cold was too much and one had to come back immediately for warming up."

When stationed at Bharati during the polar wintering, she was not only the solitary woman in the Indian expedi-



POLAR WOMAN: Mangala Mani

tion team but the only female in that zone as the Russian and Chinese earth stations too did not have any woman during the 2016-17 period.

To get selected for the tough assignment, Mangala Mani and her team were first physically and mentally tested for weeks. She had to first undergo a series of medical check-ups at AIIMS, Delhi, for a week that included psychological assessment for long-term wintering. For the next two weeks, she was taken to Auli in Uttarakhand at 9,000 feet altitude for ice acclimatisation and later to Badrinath at 10,000 feet.

Mangala Mani's boss National Remote Sensing Centre (NRSC) director Y V N Krishnamurthy told TOI, "Mangala and her team were supposed to operate and maintain the Indian research station and collect loads of satellite data as we have polar-orbiting satellites."

### INDIA DIGEST

## Man gets life term for raping 90-yr-old woman

A 50-year-old man was on Saturday sentenced to life in prison for raping a 90-year-old bedridden woman in March 2015. Kolhapur district and sessions court, presided over by additional sessions judge AU Kadam, held Vishnu Krishna Nalawade guilty and passed the order. The woman's family members had gone out for work when Nalawade entered the house. Taking advantage of the fact that the woman was bedridden and alone, he raped her.

**Jagtar Tara gets life term in Beant killing case:** Almost 23 years after the assassina-

tion of then Punjab chief minister Beant Singh, a special court on Saturday sentenced Jagtar Singh Tara to life imprisonment. The court had convicting him in the case on Friday. The court also imposed a fine of ₹35,000 on Tara. The court sat in the Burail jail where Tara is currently lodged.

### JUST LIKE THAT AJIT NINAN



BJP is going in circles for an ally.

## 70% of afforestation projects flouted norms, study reveals

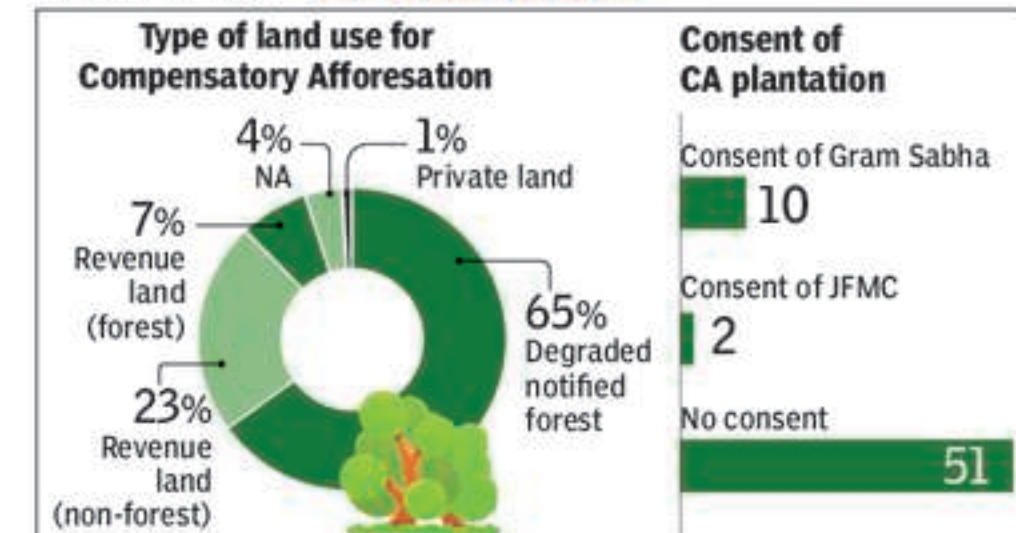
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**New Delhi:** A new study on more than 2,000 compensatory afforestation plantations across the country has found that 70% of the projects violated guidelines by taking up plantations on notified forest lands that were termed "degraded" in official records.

Case studies documented by the authors reveal that in many cases plantations were raised in dense native forests, defeating the very purpose of afforestation. In about 53 of the 63 case studies taken up by Community Forest Rights — Learning and Advocacy (CFRLA), a coalition of researchers working on forest rights, no consent was taken from gram sabhas for plantation.

The authors used secondary data downloaded from e-greenwatch website (environment ministry website on plantations) for 2,479 compensatory afforestation projects in 10 states. The plantations were

### TYPE OF LAND USE



taken up at a cost of ₹195 crore during 2007-2017. No data was available for the performance and survival of the trees planted during this period on the e-greenwatch website.

However, the data shows 70% of the compensatory afforestation has actually been taken up on forest lands rather than non-forest lands. "This is in violation of guidelines issued under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, which say compensatory afforestation should be done on non-forest

land in the same district where there is diversion of forest, or in areas closer to it. Only if non-forest land is not available should the plantation be set up on degraded forest land twice the area of diverted forest land," the study highlights.

Every time forest land is diverted for non-forest purposes like mining or industry, the user agency is supposed to "afforest" an area of the same size of the forests that were diverted.

For the full report, log on to [www.timesofindia.com](http://www.timesofindia.com)



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**NOTICE INVITING TENDERS**  
Sealed tenders are invited in two bid system for Construction of Canara Bank Rural Self Employment Training Institutes (CBSETI) at **DINDIGUL (Rs 270 Lakhs)** and **THENI (cost Rs 230 lakhs)**, **TAMIL NADU STATE**, from the eligible individuals/institutes/Firms who are fulfilling the qualifying criteria given in tender documents. The details are published in Bank's website [www.canarabank.com](http://www.canarabank.com) (Announcements). The last date for submission of sealed tenders is **19.04.2018 @ 03:00 PM**. Further communications, corrigendum & amendments, if any, will be hosted in Bank's website only.  
Sd/-  
Date : 16.03.2018.  
**MANAGING TRUSTEE**



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RIICO invites tenders/bids costing more than Rs. 5.00 lacs through [eproc.rajjasthan.gov.in](http://eproc.rajjasthan.gov.in) from registered, reputed and experienced contractors for under mentioned works. As such, this is to inform all the prospective bidders/contractors registered in appropriate class in any department or public undertaking of any state in India/GOI, that they may download & submit online tenders/bids for following works:  
Sr. No. Name of Work Estimated Cost (Rs. in Lacs)  
1. Unit Head, Bhiwadi-II 142.90  
1.1 Widening and profile correction of existing two lane road to four lane road at I/A Karol. UBN-RDC1718WSOB01313  
For details information and instruction for online submission of tender/bid, please log on [www.riico.co.in](http://www.riico.co.in) and [www.eproc.rajjasthan.gov.in](http://www.eproc.rajjasthan.gov.in). For queries please contact : Senior DGM (Civil), Ph : 0141-4593233  
Raj.Samwadi/C17/8208

**SOUTHERN RAILWAY**  
**Chennai Division (Operation Branch)**  
**NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER**  
**Tender Notice M-ET-OP-eT-17-18-4R**  
For and on behalf of the President of India, **Divisional Railway Manager / Operation Branch, Chennai Division, Southern Railway, Vth Floor, NGO Annexe Building, Park Town, Chennai - 600 003** invites ONLINE tender form the experienced contractors for the following work as per tender notice given in our e-tender portal [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in). Tender(s) / Contractor(s) intending to apply for e-tender for Electrical Operation works in Chennai Division, need to get enrolled in the e-tender portal [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) and only online tenders will be accepted.

Sl.No.	Description
1.	Outsourcing of Data feeding in Crew Management System at Chennai Central / MMC, Chennai Central / DSL, Avadi (Annunur) and Katpadi in Crew Booking Lobbies for a period of Two Years (730 Days).
2.	Approximate Cost of Work (₹)
3.	Cost of Tender Form (₹)
4.	Earnest Money Deposit (₹)
5.	Closing Date of E-Tender (at 15.00 Hrs.)
6.	Period of Completion

The bidders will have to make payments towards Tender Document cost and Earnest Money Deposit against works tenders through online payment modes like Net Banking, Debit / Credit Card, etc. available on E-Tender portal. It is the responsibility of the Tenderer(s) / Contractor(s) to obtain necessary Digital Signature Certificate for participating in the E-Tender.

Website particulars: [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in)

The details of terms and conditions are available in the website.

**Divisional Railway Manager,**  
(Electrical Operation Branch), Chennai - 3.



**MILITARY ENGINEER SERVICES**  
(Ministry of Defence, Government of India)  
**NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER**  
Commander Works Engineer (Navy) Chennai,  
Rajaji Salai, Fort St George, Chennai - 600 009.

**1. Commander Works Engineers (Navy), Chennai, Fort St George, Chennai - 600 009 on behalf of President of India Invites online item rate bid on single stage two cover bid system for the following work:**

Sl. No.	Name of work / Tender id	Estimated cost / class / category (Rs. in lakhs)	Cost of Tender	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5
(a)	<b>SPECIAL REPAIRS TO CONCERTINA COIL ON BOUNDARY WALL AT NCB ROYAPURAM UNDER GE (NAVY) CHENNAI.</b> Id:2017_MES_184371_1	Rs.16.00 lakhs Class "E" Category a(i)	Rs. 500/-	DD in favour of GE (Navy) Chennai
2.	Earnest Money to be deposited by unenlisted contractor is Rs.50,000/-			
3.	Please note that the contractor will not be permitted to sublet the work to other Agencies.			
4.	For further details please visit MES e-Tender portal <a href="http://www.defproc.gov.in">www.defproc.gov.in</a>			

**NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING**  
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (P-WZ), GHMC, HYDERABAD.

**GREATER HYDERABAD MUNICIPAL CORPORATION**  
Tender Notice No. 54/SE(P-WZ)/GHMC/2017-18, Date: 16-03-2018

Item No.	Name of the Work	Estimate amount (Rs in Lakhs)
1	Supply of Sports Material for the year 2018-19 for GHMC, Hyderabad.	Rs. 82.00

**Events**  
1)Start date for download 17-03-2018 05.00 PM  
2)End date for download 31-03-2018 05.15 PM  
3)Last Date & Time for Receipts of Bids 31-03-2018 05.30 PM  
4)Opening of Technical bid 31-03-2018 06.00 PM  
5)Opening of Price bid 03-04-2018 04.00 PM

Address of the officer concerned Sri. E.R.Krishna, SE(P-WZ), Superintending Engineer (Projects-WZ), Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation, Tank Bund Road, Hyderabad. Further details can be seen at 'e' Procurement @ [www.tender.telangana.gov.in](http://www.tender.telangana.gov.in)

Sd/-Superintending Engineer (Projects-WZ) GHMC

Note: The Bidders are advised to visit [www.tender.telangana.gov.in](http://www.tender.telangana.gov.in) to download Bid Document. Any queries can be addressed to [seprojectgoa@gmail.com](mailto:seprojectgoa@gmail.com).




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Sl. No	Tender No and Type	Description of the item	Qty	Cost of the Tender Document in INR	Earnest Money Deposit in INR
01	NCAOR/ ICTD/ 2018-19/T-003 and Single Bid System	Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract (AMC) / Facility Management Services (FMS) for IT infrastructure at NCAOR (Hardware, Software and Campus-wide networking)	Refer Annexure-VI (Price Bid Format)	1000/-	100000/-

Date & Time for submission of Tender: 9<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 15:00 Hrs  
Date of Opening of Bid: 9<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 15:30 Hrs  
The Tender document (single bid system) can be downloaded from <http://www.ncaor.gov.in/>. In such cases, the tender fee is to be submitted along with bid. Alternatively, the tender document can be obtained by-hand from our office by submitting demand draft for Rs.1000/- drawn in favour of NCAOR payable at Goa.

Sd/-  
विभाजन सं: एनसीओआर/20/18  
स्वच्छता रखे स्वस्थ रहे।

For & on behalf of NCAOR



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**NIT Ref. : RCSE/Innovation/Digital Classroom/E-Tender/2017-18** Date : 12.03.2018

**NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER**

RAJASTHAN COUNCIL OF SECONDARY EDUCATION, JAIPUR invites Technical & Financial Bids through e-Tendering for "Establishment of Digital Classroom with Wi-Fi based Digital Library in 150 Girls Hostels", from eligible bidders. The complete Tender Document may be obtained from [www.rajrmsa.nic.in](http://www.rajrmsa.nic.in), [www.sppp.rajjasthan.gov.in](http://www.sppp.rajjasthan.gov.in) and for online submission [www.eproc.rajjasthan.gov.in](http://www.eproc.rajjasthan.gov.in). Details are as under :-

Estimated Cost (Rs)	Pre bid Meeting	Tender Form Cost	E-tendering processing fee	Earnest Money	Start Date for download/ submission of tender	Last date and time for submission/ download of the tender	Time and Date of opening of Technical Bid
Rs. 73,00,00,000/-	22.03.2018 at 11.00 AM	Rs.5000/-	Rs.1000/-	Rs.15.66 Lacs	14.03.2018	16.04.2018 upto 6.00 PM	17.04.2018 at 2.00 PM

Please log on to [www.rajrmsa.nic.in](http://www.rajrmsa.nic.in), [www.sppp.rajjasthan.gov.in](http://www.sppp.rajjasthan.gov.in), [www.eproc.rajjasthan.gov.in](http://www.eproc.rajjasthan.gov.in) for detailed terms & conditions or contact 0141-2700375. UBN No. CSE1718GLOB01525  
Raj.Samwadi/C17/8226

**State Project Director**

**SOUTHERN RAILWAY**  
**CHENNAI DIVISION - MECHANICAL BRANCH**  
**Corrigendum 1 Dated: 15.03.2018 to**  
**E-Tender Notice No. M. M. W319 I FE 18-20**  
**Dated: 09.03.2018**

Divisional Railway Manager / Mechanical Branch / Chennai Division, Chennai - 600 003 for and on behalf of the President of India invited open tender for the undermentioned work:  
Contract for Maintenance of DCP & ABC Type of Fire Extinguishers pertaining to Chennai Division located at the Offices of the Coaching Depot Officer, Coach Maintenance Depot, Basin Bridge, Chennai - 3, Divisional Mechanical Engineer, Diesel Shed, Tondiarpet, Chennai - 81 and Divisional Mechanical Engineer, Coach Maintenance Depot, Chennai Egmore, Chennai - 8 for 2 Years. The following Corrigendum is issued:  
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2. Schedule 2 - DCP Type (6KG ABC) Fire Extinguishers Item Description No.4 - Refilling of ABC Powder (Mono Ammonium Phosphate)  
Divisional Railway Manager (Mechanical) / Chennai.

**SOUTHERN RAILWAY**  
**Chennai - 600 023**  
**MATERIALS MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT**  
**e-TENDER NOTICE FOR THE SUPPLY OF STORES NO.E-09/2018**  
The following e-Tenders are published in the IREPS website. Firms are requested to login to <http://www.ireps.gov.in> to login->E-Tender->Goods & Services (New) and quote against these tenders. Manual quotations will not be entertained for these tenders. Closing time for all tenders is 14:30 Hrs.

Sl. No.	Tender No.	Item Description	Due Date
1	26182734	Axle Box Housing	02.04.2018
2	16175068A	Fabrication, Supply, Testing and Commissioning of Transformer Lifting / Lowering Trolley for Wag 9 Locos as per ELS/ERODE's Specification No.SA/RS/ ED/SPEC/TFP LTY/005, Dt.24.06.2017	04.04.2018
3	21170796	Aluminium Fabricated Body Side	04.04.2018
4	26181455B	300 Sq.mm / 1500 Volts Single Core Elastomeric Cable	04.04.2018
5	26181564	SA-9 Independent Brake Valve Assembly	04.04.2018
6	26185007	Supply, Installation and Commissioning of Roof Mounted Air Conditioning System with Heaters and trough Arrangement	04.04.2018
7	40180148	Liquid Oxygen Gas	04.04.2018
8	11170154	Machined Rotor	05.04.2018
9	09170275A	C-122 V Belts	09.04.2018
10	16185009	Supply, Installation and Commissioning of Fully Automatic Transformer Oil Di-Electric BDV Test Kit (0-100kv) as per ELS / ERODE's Technical Specification No. SA/RS/ED/SPEC/AUTO BDV/015, Dt.22.05.17 Enclosed	09.04.2018
11	16185010	Supply, Installation and Commissioning of Lightning Arrestor Wireless Leakage Current Analyzer with Accessories as per ELS/ERODE's Technical Specification No. SA/RS/ED/SPEC/LA L C ANLZER/013, Dt.06.05.2017 Enclosed	09.04.2018
12	26175136B	Aluminium Tank Cover	09.04.2018
13	06175044A	Computerised Stress Test System	10.04.2018
14	26181656	Set of Brake Ring Pin	10.04.2018
15	43171067A	Bearing-Traction Motor	10.04.2018
16	09170057A	LP Sheet	13.04.2018
17	04180616	Auxiliary Reservoir 200 Litres Capacity	16.04.2018
18	13180087	Liner Sleeve, Lower	16.04.2018
19	21170026	Helical Spring	16.04.2018
20	26180057	Equaliser Beam	16.04.2018
21	26181437	Mobile Contact Lever Assembly	16.04.2018
22	26182208	Cylindrical Roller Bearing	16.04.2018
23	43180148	Traction Motor Air Duct Boot	16.04.2018
24	44185003	Upgraded High Capacity Draft Gear	16.04.2018
25	26180058	Equaliser Beam	17.04.2018
26	26181733	Hitachi Traction Motor Gear Case Assembly	17.04.2018
27	26182020	Brush Holder Assembly	17.04.2018
28	26182064	Finger Contact	17.04.2018
29	44185002	Upgraded High Tensile Centre Buffer Coupler	17.04.2018
30	44185004	CASNUB - 22 HS Cast Steel Bogie	17.04.2018
31	44170243A	Lock for Transition and Non Transition	18.04.2018
32	44170038A	Enhanced Capacity Buffer Plunger	19.04.2018
33	04180662	UIC Type Elastomer Flange Connection (Side)	23.04.2018
34	44175019A	Side Body Arrangement Complete	24.04.2018
35	04175316	High Tensile Tight Lock CBC with AAR H Type Head	02.05.2018
36	04180661	UIC Type Elastomer Flange Connection (Top)	02.05.2018
37	04180705	High Capacity Rubber Buffer Spring	02.05.2018
38	04180779	Battery Box Frame Arrangement	03.05.2018
39	04180815	Arrangement of Mug	03.05.2018

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5.	Propolis	620 Kgs.
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	2	ग्वालियर	इंदौर-गिरीधर मार्ग	10.90		
	3	ग्वालियर	गिरीधर-करीमपुर, कदीया-विजयपुर मार्ग	28.71		
	4	अजमेर नगर	मुहम्मदी खोर्साब मार्ग	7.60		
	5	अजमेर नगर	बीहड़ अजमेर-करीमपुर मार्ग	27.00	199.41	805
	6	रायपुर	विजयपुर-गोदावरी मार्ग से रोडविकास मार्ग	24.40		
	7	बिंदल	गुवागरी-देवरगढ़ मार्ग	13.80		
Package-2 (4 <sup>th</sup> Call)	1	बिंदल	गुवागरी-देवरगढ़-नाग-सिद्धार्थ मार्ग	77.40		
	2	रायपुर	गुवागरी-देवरगढ़-नाग-सिद्धार्थ मार्ग	8.40		
	3	रायपुर	गुवागरी-देवरगढ़-नाग-सिद्धार्थ मार्ग	9.70		
	4	बिंदल	गुवागरी-देवरगढ़-नाग-सिद्धार्थ मार्ग	17.40		
	5	रायपुर	गुवागरी-देवरगढ़-नाग-सिद्धार्थ मार्ग	12.00		
	6	रायपुर	गुवागरी-देवरगढ़-नाग-सिद्धार्थ मार्ग	10.50	241.30	806
	7	बिंदल	गुवागरी-देवरगढ़-नाग-सिद्धार्थ मार्ग	41.20		
Package-5 (4 <sup>th</sup> Call)	1	बिंदल	गुवागरी-देवरगढ़-नाग-सिद्धार्थ मार्ग	124.00		
	2	बिंदल	गुवागरी-देवरगढ़-नाग-सिद्धार्थ मार्ग	18.10		
	3	बिंदल	गुवागरी-देवरगढ़-नाग-सिद्धार्थ मार्ग	73.00		
	4	बिंदल	गुवागरी-देवरगढ़-नाग-सिद्धार्थ मार्ग	31.00		
	5	बिंदल	गुवागरी-देवरगढ़-नाग-सिद्धार्थ मार्ग	50.40		
	6	बिंदल	गुवागरी-देवरगढ़-नाग-सिद्धार्थ मार्ग	24.70		
	7	बिंदल	गुवागरी-देवरगढ़-नाग-सिद्धार्थ मार्ग	11.40		
Package-6 (4 <sup>th</sup> Call)	1	बिंदल	गुवागरी-देवरगढ़-नाग-सिद्धार्थ मार्ग	73.80	304.10	807
	2	बिंदल	गुवागरी-देवरगढ़-नाग-सिद्धार्थ मार्ग	19.80		
	3	बिंदल	गुवागरी-देवरगढ़-नाग-सिद्धार्थ मार्ग	4.00		
	4	बिंदल	गुवागरी-देवरगढ़-नाग-सिद्धार्थ मार्ग	6.00		
	5	बिंदल	गुवागरी-देवरगढ़-नाग-सिद्धार्थ मार्ग	11.40		
	6	बिंदल	गुवागरी-देवरगढ़-नाग-सिद्धार्थ मार्ग	11.40		
	7	बिंदल	गुवागरी-देवरगढ़-नाग-सिद्धार्थ मार्ग	11.40		
Package-7 (6 <sup>th</sup> Call)	1	बिंदल	गुवागरी-देवरगढ़-नाग-सिद्धार्थ मार्ग	30.80		
	2	बिंदल	गुवागरी-देवरगढ़-नाग-सिद्धार्थ मार्ग	22.50		
	3	बिंदल	गुवागरी-देवरगढ़-नाग-सिद्धार्थ मार्ग	60.00		
	4	बिंदल	गुवागरी-देवरगढ़-नाग-सिद्धार्थ मार्ग	13.00	225.70	808
	5	बिंदल	गुवागरी-देवरगढ़-नाग-सिद्धार्थ मार्ग			



# Return of Pak envoy to India may be delayed

## Pak Minister Won't Come For Trade Meet

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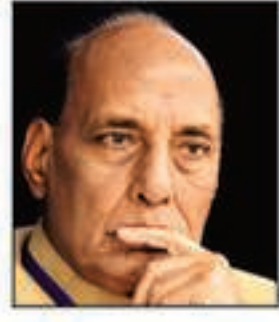
New Delhi/Islamabad: Tensions between India and Pakistan over alleged harassment of diplomats seem set to worsen with Pakistan pulling out of the WTO ministerial meeting slated for next week in New Delhi. As first reported by TOI, Pakistan commerce minister Pervaiz Malik on Saturday called off his visit to India to protest what Pakistan sees as an unprecedented intimidation of its diplomats.

India is yet to respond to the decision, but officials here said it was Pakistan that needed to check instances of harassment of Indian diplomats. It seems as though the worst is yet to come as India on Saturday issued another

## 'Troops can cross LoC to protect territorial integrity'

New Delhi: Home minister Rajnath Singh on Saturday attacked Pakistan for giving political legitimacy to terror mastermind Hafiz Saeed and said Indian security forces can cross the borders, if needed, to protect the country's territorial integrity.

Asserting that Jammu and Kashmir will remain an integral part of India, Singh said the government wants a permanent solution to the Kashmir issue and the interlocutor appointed by it is ready to talk to anyone who is willing to have a dialogue.



"We not only secure India internally but can also cross border, if needed, to protect the country," he said at the 'Rising India' summit, organised by News18.

The Army carried out surgical strikes across the LoC in September 2016 at terror launch pads to avenge the attacks in Jammu and Kashmir.

Singh stated India wants to maintain friendly relations with Pakistan but the latter was not keen for it, rather it was giving "political legitimacy" to LeT founder and 26/11 Mumbai terror at-

tack mastermind Hafiz Saeed. "Pakistan is now providing political legitimacy to a UN-designated terrorist. Hafiz Saeed is now allowed to form a political party, he will contest elections and go to Parliament. The Haqqani Network, which is responsible for killings of scores of people is being abetted and given protection. It is shocking," he said.

Singh said Prime Minister Narendra Modi achieved huge success in taking the fight against terrorism to the international fora. Earlier, nobody talked against Pakistan's terrorism and now the US has also condemned Pakistan, he said. TNN

note verbale, its 12th this year on the issue, saying Indian diplomats had been harassed.

Diplomatic sources said that Pakistan is likely to delay the return of its envoy, Sohail Mahmood, who may not come

back until, as a Pakistan media reported, bilateral ties improved. Mahmood is set to host Pakistan Day celebrations here on March 23, however, his absence would not be the first instance of a high

commissioner not in attendance at the event.

Indian officials said they were not aware of Mahmood's plans but ruled out a repeat of the 2001-2002 diplomatic standoff after the Par-

liament attack, following which both nations temporarily recalled their envoys. Sources said the Indian government wasn't contemplating recalling its own high commissioner, Ajay Bisaria, who reportedly faced harassment in Islamabad.

Pakistan accused India of jeopardising the relationship for "short-term tactical gains," viewing the alleged harassment of Pakistani diplomats as significant because it began days after an agreement between the nations to release women and senior citizen prisoners. It attributed the recent incidents to a "vacuum" in the relationship in the absence of high-level engagement.

Indian officials held Pakistan responsible for the tensions, citing its commerce minister cancelling his visit and the alleged block against Indian websites in Pakistan in May 2017. In addition, officials raised issues of a recent raid on an Indian complex and honey-trapping of two Indian officials in Islamabad.

# Shah: Cong responsible for division of country

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New Delhi: Soon after Rahul Gandhi accused the Modi government of pursuing a divisive agenda, BJP chief Amit Shah returned fire, citing partition of the country in 1947 when Congress was at the helm and the imposition of emergency by Indira Gandhi striking at the root of Indian democracy.

"The only time the country was divided was in 1947 when Congress was in power. Therefore, Congress is responsible for division of the country," said Shah in a TV programme during which he also recalled the emergency era.

Shah said whenever there was a BJP-led government, be it under Atal Bihari Vajpayee or the full majority government under Narendra Modi, nationalist forces had been strengthened and borders were more secure. "However, Congress is resorting to politics of fear... Congress should tell the country what they have done in 55 years of their rule," Shah said asking the opposition party to explain why there was no power supply in 19000 villages and lakhs of Indians didn't have bank accounts.

He said BJP is ready for discussion on all issues in Parliament and accused Con-



**"Congress is resorting to politics of fear... Congress should tell the country what they have done in 55 years of their rule"**

AMIT SHAH  
BJP president

gress of running away from debate.

About Sonia Gandhi's remarks at the Congress plenary, Shah said the party has lost all polls after 2014. "Sonia Gandhi should analyse what has happened to the party. Karnataka will be the 21st state to have a BJP regime soon," he said. Shah said it is ironic that Congress is celebrating BJP defeat in UP by-polls despite failure of its candidates to secure their deposits. "Why are they (Congress) celebrating. We have lost 11 seats but Congress has lost 11 states," he said. P Chidambaram's "Pakoda" jibe at Modi and insult to the hard working people. "Chidambaram compared pakoda sellers with beggars. I challenge

## NDA must build inclusive society like Cong: Paswan

Patna: Lok Janshakti Party (LJP) chief and Union minister Ram Vilas Paswan on Saturday echoed the tone of his son Chirag Paswan, saying NDA, which suffered a setback in Bihar and UP by-elections, should follow its 'sabka saath sabka vikas' slogan in letter and spirit.

"NDA needs to take along all sections of the society. Congress also ruled the country for several decades by building an inclusive society," Paswan told reporters at Patna airport.

He said the defeat of the saffron party in Phulpur and Gorakhpur Lok Sabha by-elections in UP was a cause for concern. He, however, attributed BJP's loss in Araria parliamentary constituency in Bihar to sympathy for RJD's Taslimuddin, whose death necessitated the bypoll.

Asked about TDP's exit from NDA, Paswan said had the Centre accepted Andhra Pradesh's demand for special category status, the agitation would have spread to Bihar. TNN

Congress leaders to tweet the views of Chidambaram. I am ready to contest the polls on issue of pakoda if Congress wants it," he said.

## Lalu in hosp after health complaints

Ranchi: RJD chief Lalu Prasad was admitted to Rajendra Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS) on Saturday evening following complaints of recurring fever and rectal bleeding. He decided to go for treatment soon after the special CBI court of Shiv Pal Singh confirmed that the verdict in fourth case of fodder scam was deferred till Monday. RJD supporters in huge number from Bihar and Jharkhand arrived at RIMS on hearing the news. Lalu's elder son Tej Pratap, who flew from Patna, said: "I heard that my father was being taken to RIMS by the jail authorities so I decided to accompany him and took the next flight for Ranchi."

While doctors at RIMS remained tight-lipped about Lalu's condition, superintendent of Birsamunda Central Jail, Ashok Kumar Choudhary, said the RJD chief has been suffering from various ailments. TNN



## KCR to meet Didi to cobble up alliance against BJP, Cong

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Hyderabad: Nearly a fortnight after he made a bid to position himself nationally by floating the idea of "People's Third Front" as an alternative to Congress and BJP in the next general elections, Telangana CM K Chandrababoo Naidu met his Bengal counterpart Mamata Banerjee in Kolkata on Monday.

Mamata and KCR will have to cross a big hurdle during the talks on their stand on Congress. While Mamata does not consider Congress a pariah, KCR is firm that it should not be part of the alliance. He had recently declared Congress as 'villain no. 1 in Telangana'.

According to TRS sources, KCR is planning the giant political leap to project himself nationally before his party's formation day on April 27, which is celebrated on a grand scale every year. Key meetings with various politi-



**According to TRS sources, Telangana CM K Chandrababoo Rao is planning the giant political leap to project himself nationally before his party's formation day on April 27, which is celebrated on a grand scale every year**

cal parties and social groups in Delhi, Mumbai and Chennai have also been chalked out.

With TDP snapping ties with NDA, TRS is also said to be not loathe to the idea of talking to Andhra Pradesh CM Chandrababu Naidu to form a federal front.

Sources said Naidu has decided to get in touch with political parties from across the country and bring them under one umbrella to keep BJP and Congress at bay. He has hammered out a strategy to take this idea forward in early April, sources added.

When Naidu announced two days ago that TDP was walking out of NDA, Mamata was quick to hail the move. "I welcome TDP's decision to leave the NDA. The current situation warrants such action to save the country from disaster," Mamata tweeted soon after Naidu expressed his angst against BJP for not giving special status to Andhra Pradesh.

Going by indications, the firebrand Bengal leader will also speak to Naidu for cobbling up a strong alternative before 2019 elections to give BJP a tough fight.

## Data: Science admissions picking up, engg on decline

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"Programmes are closing down and so are colleges. Piece all this and it speaks about the engineering education scenario. The word is quality. In times to come this trend may get pronounced if quality is not upped," added Prakash Gopalan, director, Thapar Institute of Engineering and Technology.

Choices exercised by undergrad applicants have changed dramatically in the past half-a-decade. Till about five years ago, commerce was a distant second to arts while science and engineering vied for third spot. In 2013, BA courses had 75.1 lakh students, followed by commerce, which saw an enrolment of 28.9 lakh students. B.Tech had 17.9 lakh; BE 16.4 lakh candidates and BSc 25.4 lakh students, as per the HRD ministry data.

Then suddenly, commerce lost its appeal and was relegated to the fourth spot. In 2015, engineering was the second-most popular course as the IT sector continued to account for mass recruitments. The emergence and popularity of engineering saw this professional stream become a broad-based course like BA, BCom and BSc.

In fact, as an expert said, even those aspiring to do business or a course like an MBA started signing up for engineering given the design of entrance exams for B-schools. But now the proliferation of second-rate colleges has acted as a spoiler. Data from 2015-16 and 2016-17 shows science admissions are picking up while placements in engineering are dipping.

## Most had their display names in Devanagari script

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I am withholding the name of the agency as its head requested anonymity. I signed up for a package of 1,000 followers on the website. There was no check for my email address and Twitter account linkage. I could have easily gifted new Indian Twitter followers to Taylor Swift, if it struck my fancy.

The charge on my card was for ₹455 (including GST), but the bill generated was in US dollars. By now, I had begun posting links to random articles on interior design. After a day in which I requested three reluctant friends to follow the account, my followers swelled to 1,015 (the other 12 accounts were presumably genuine followers).

There was a peculiar pattern to these followers. Most had their display names in the Devanagari script. Their handles were a random string of alphanumeric characters forming no intelligible words. Hardly any had posted tweets. Even more curiously, many followed the same three middle-rung politicians of the AAP, BJP and Congress, a mix of Punjabi pop artists, government

institutions, and assorted celebrities.

The bought bot attention was short lived. My followers began to drop. On February 8, I had over 1,000. By February 15, I wrote a hurt email to the agency: the count had dropped to 742. I was assured of a "refill". By February 19, it was 528. "Ongoing Twitter update causing drop... we will refill in few days," came the reply to a second email.

I then signed up on a service called unfollowerstats.com to see where my lost followers had gone. It put together a list of the handles that had left me in the digital lurch (just 300 followers now). Many of the handles were "restricted" for "unusual activity." The "update" referred to Twitter's new-found enthusiasm for cracking down on fake accounts. "The use of any form of automation to post identical... content or perform actions such as Likes or Retweets across many accounts... is not permitted," Twitter said on February 21 after it made changes to its API code.

Fake accounts made headlines last year after US intelligence agencies discovered Russian-controlled social media accounts had tried to influence the 2016 elections in the country. Twitter admitted to finding 50,000 such accounts following an internal investigation.

## 'One can be sued for publishing someone's personal info'

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"These (reports) are far from the reality and have got nothing to do with the security of Aadhaar and its database. As none of the Aadhaar cards shown are taken from UIDAI database," the statement said.

Emphasising that just like any other identity document, Aadhaar too is not a confidential document, UIDAI argued that mere knowledge about someone's Aadhaar card is not sufficient to impersonate that person

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as biometric authentication is needed to establish one's identity.

"If anybody unauthorisedly publishes someone's personal information such as Aadhaar card, mobile number, bank account, photograph etc., he can be sued for civil damages by the person whose privacy right is infringed," the statement said.

However, it said, such publication does not threaten or impact security of Aadhaar and its database which remains "safe and secure".

The statement by UIDAI came in backdrop of reports claiming that information about Aadhaar may be available from third party websites, and that a Google search may lead to Aadhaar details of people.

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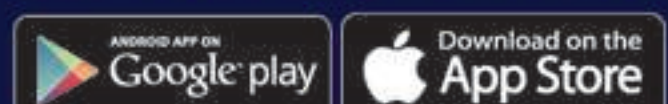
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# Message from Bihar: ‘Finished’ netas can win

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There is one big message from the recent byelections that comes ringing in from Bihar. It has tactical implications for the politics that will unfold in the run-up to 2019: hypothetically, if there are any plans afoot to “finish off” another politician (perhaps someone from a neighbouring state) by sending her or him to jail or encircling her or him in corruption and income tax cases, it will only be counter-productive and may end up evoking sympathy for that individual.

The manner in which the voter base of the RJD has remained intact, in spite of chief Lalu Prasad Yadav being in jail in neighbouring Jharkhand, suggests that corruption charges do not stick to organically powerful subaltern leaders. On the contrary, they feed into the suspicion that only politicians from the lower castes actually land in jail while the savarnas are too sophisticated to ever be caught.

The second reality that comes through is this: In both UP and Bihar, we have seen the success of the next generation of Yadav boys. Dynasty is not democratic in principle but it works due to the power of association: Tejaswi Yadav has campaigned vigorously since his father went to jail (and the family was put under the scanner); but he has also succeeded because he is the son of Lalu, a figure both loved and hated in Bihar, depending on which section of society you come from. Part of the campaign arsenal was also a widely circulated letter Lalu wrote after his conviction. In the letter, he wrote passionately against the “Manuvadi conspiracy” to keep poor people, the backwards, Dalits and minorities away from “direct control of their resources”. He also said he was not afraid of the future.

There is some important arithmetic in the nature of the two seats that the RJD retained. Araria has a 60% Yadav and Muslim population, so we can interpret that as the MY equation still working for the RJD. More significant is the win in Jehanabad, where Dalits also voted in large numbers for the RJD. Former chief minister Jitan Ram Manjhi (who shifted from the NDA to the RJD 11 days before voting) certainly contributed to the surge in Dalit support, particularly of his Musahar sub-caste. Simultaneously, what this also implies is that chief minister Nitish Kumar’s constituency among social groups referred to as Mahadalits and EBCs (Extremely Backward Castes) in Bihar, is unravelling.

There is a certain inevitability in Nitish Kumar head-



**EXPENDABLE?** There’s little reason for BJP to prop up Nitish, and not posit Sushil Modi (left) as a stand-alone leader

ing to the point where he could be expendable in future calculations of the BJP, which did win one of the three seats where byelections were recently held in Bihar. Nitish Kumar mattered in the era when the BJP needed a social justice-secular face to negotiate realities in the state. But the BJP has grown while Nitish alienated many of his own supporters, when he went against the mandate of 2015 and ditched the RJD to form a government with the BJP last year.

Arithmetic will keep the BJP and JD(U) together a while longer; but there is now no good reason why the BJP should not posit its deputy CM, Sushil Modi as a future stand-alone leader in Bihar. Unlike Mulayam-Akhilesh in UP Mayawati and Lalu, Nitish Kumar has never had a substantial voter bloc of his own and actually grew in stature with the help of the BJP. With the stature diminished, there are few good reasons for the BJP to keep propping him up.

In June this year, Lalu Prasad Yadav will become 70 years old and will be behind bars for some years thereafter. His journey in Indian politics has been audacious and significant. He was the marker of social justice changes in Bihar where he gave people a great sense of empowerment. The anarchy he then presided over was, I believe, a deliberate shake-down of the shockingly feudal and unequal social order that prevailed in the Bihar I first visited decades ago. His great failure lay in his lack of interest in administration or bringing order after the storm. Unlike what a Mayawati did, he did not create structures in administration, so busy was he in politics.

That politics has taken some of the most audacious turns in contemporary Indian history. The first time Lalu the CM went to jail in 1997, he compelled wife Rabri Devi to step out of the kitchen into the chief minister’s chair. Two decades later, his son has set out with the same slogans of social justice and secularism that his father used so effectively to make a mark in politics. It was also perhaps ideal for the RJD that Lalu was actually away from the scene and a fresh face such as Tejaswi picked up the cudgels. When the old gets jaded, the young renew life and possibilities.

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# It took me 26 visits to get a farmer certificate. Most people just pay up

In 2004, Venkat Iyer decided to quit his hectic IT job and take up organic farming in Peth, a village near Mumbai. The former IBM executive recounts the journey in a new book, *Moong over Microchips: Adventures of A Techie-Turned-Farmer*. Iyer spoke to Sonam Joshi about his encounters with local corruption, the reasons for farmer distress, and why they are in protest mode

**What was the most difficult part of the move from a bustling metro to a farm? And how hard was it to get accepted?**

For a person who has spent all his life in Mumbai, moving to the village has its share of shocks. Basic amenities, such as uninterrupted power, are missing. The kaamwali bai, the newspaper vendor, the garbage collector and the entire service industry that is at your beck and call in the city does not exist. You have to do everything. In the beginning, even the silence and darkness of the night was difficult to handle.

As for being accepted, I shall always remain an outsider. However, after seeing me work at the farm and knowing that I mean no harm to anyone, the village has accepted me as one of the inhabitants. The first time I took someone in the village to the hospital, the family came over to the farm to pay me for the petrol. They were surprised when I refused; they thought city people never did anything for free.

**How do you view the recent farmer protests after your own experience in the last 14 years?** More than 50% of farming households are in debt. Average family income of farmers nationally is around Rs 6,000 a month according to government’s own data. Input costs for crops have risen manifold and the returns are among the lowest in the world. No wonder farmers are killing themselves, or barely managing to survive. In a situation where they are floundering without state support, they have everything to gain by a public show of strength. Since 2016, farmers’ protests have gained momentum all over the country. They have endured beyond the limits of human tolerance.

**FOR THE RECORD**

**What are the underlying causes of rural distress?**

The government is not exactly unaware of the monumental neglect of the farming community, yet it opened up the economy, exposing farmers to volatile global pricing, and reduced subsidies on farming. Farmers cannot sustain themselves when they have to deal with an erratic monsoon, debt and poor prices year after year.

Instead of growing for their needs, they have started growing for the allusive cash. The lure of cash crops is so strong that they tend to forget that traditional produce that would have at least fed their families and kept them alive. The zeal to generate more cash pushes farmers into the vicious debt cycle. Loan availability is a joke and this, coupled with globalisation where world prices dictate terms, spells ruin.

**How did you negotiate corruption in the village administration?**

I had heard of corruption in villages but realised how ingrained it was only when I started living there. Last year, when I wanted a farmer certificate from the Dahanu tehsil office, I had to visit them 26 times and submit the entire set of documents thrice before I got the certificate, that too after six months. The only consolation was that I did not pay a single rupee as bribe. I realised that you can beat the system if you have infinite patience and persistence, which may not be always possible. Each trip to the Dahanu tehsil office sets you back by Rs 100, besides the effort and time involved, so everyone thinks it is simply better to pay and get the work done fast.

**You’ve written about how demonetisation disrupted life in the village...**

It had a very bad impact on the village. People are used to dealing in cash and hardly anyone uses their bank account as the banks are few and far away. Even months after the deadline for exchanging notes was over, I had people coming with wads of 500-rupee notes asking if they could get them changed somehow. It seems they had forgotten the money was stashed away or just did not know of the exchange procedure. The long-term impact was that business slowed down.

**What lessons did you pick up in the course of your journey from Mumbai to Peth? What does it reveal about how urban Indians view their rural counterparts?**

There is a lot to be learnt from our rural counterparts. One of the first lessons I learnt was the need to eat the right food at the right time. Living in the city one is used to seeing and accessing any vegetable at any time of the year. Villagers eat only according to the season. Everything revolves around festivals. For example, after Holi, the villagers don’t consume brinjal, claiming that it is a heat-generating vegetable and should not be eaten till the monsoon. Most city dwellers feel that villagers are steeped in superstition or follow practices that may not be applicable in this day and age. Though some practices are not valid, there is a lot of knowledge and logic in the others.



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# The real ‘naachnewalas’ are netas who dance to their master’s tune

POLITICALLY INCORRECT

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We should feel sorry for Manjul Agarwal.

Not much is known about this good lady, who is mentioned as the spouse of a man (can’t call him a ‘gentleman’ called Naresh Agarwal — the latest ‘jewel’ in the BJP crown which sits shakily on the leader’s head (check: Gorakhpur bypoll). The surprising thing about Agarwal’s CV is his education. Yes, the man is ‘educated’, in that he has acquired two degrees from the University of Lucknow — one for law, the other for science. So, technically one can refer to him as a ‘double graduate’. Technically. All his utterances, past and present, suggest he needs a proper education. Earlier this week, he hit the headlines when he jumped over the fence to join the BJP after being a ‘loyal’ legislator for

UP’s Samajwadi Party (SP) for seven terms. Why did he switch? Simple, my dear Watson: the BJP offered him a Rajya Sabha ticket while the SP could-shouldered him and preferred to give it to Jaya Bachchan.

Any other man would have gratefully taken what’s thrown his way and kept his mouth shut. Not Naresh. He went on to crow about this great honour and said he was forced to exit the SP since a “filmon mein gaaneey aur naachnewali aurat” was preferred over him! Did his wife Manjul echo his sentiments? Was she embarrassed and ashamed to hear his nauseating words? What did his parents and children feel about the controversy? Or is that a stupid question to ask? I would still like to meet and interview Manjul just to know for myself how she reacted to her husband’s cheap comments.

Agarwal was slammed across social media, which did not spare his new patrons and mentors either. BJP spokesperson Sambit Patra, who had made unkind comments about Agarwal in

the past, hastily removed the offensive tweets. But not before he was exposed by vigilant media watchers who swiftly dug them up. It was left to the deft and prompt handling of Sushma Swaraj, who, sensing the public mood, issued a statement describing Agarwal’s words as “improper and unacceptable”. This forced the man to express “regret”. Sensibly, Jaya Bachchan refused to react saying, “I am a stubborn lady, I will not answer.”

This is not the first time women in Parliament have been put down as ‘naachnewalis’. As if there is something shameful about being an actress. These men need to look into their own closets and cupboards before they criticise women. Some of them have the worst records — criminal charges and beyond. They are the real ‘naachnewalas’ who are like trained bandars dancing to their political masters’ tunes. Most are corrupt in every conceivable department, in addition to being morally bankrupt. They can hardly afford to talk!

What do we do with men like Naresh Agarwal? There are so many like him in our midst. For starters, he should have been instantly thrown out of his new party. That would be a fitting response. His ‘regret’ has zero value. In the past, he has blatantly insulted Hindu sentiments by uttering idiotic remarks like “Whiskey mein Vishnu.” Nothing was done to reprimand him. Perhaps encouraged by that attitude, he went ahead and insulted Jaya Bachchan, and indirectly all women in the performing arts. How dare he?

Something goes ‘boinnnnng’ in the heads of power-hungry men when they confront strong-minded women. Dangle a Rajya Sabha seat, and every other principle gets chucked out of the window. We have seen the blatant lobbying that goes on. Even otherwise sober and self-respecting individuals (including senior journalists) turn into avaricious monsters, as they shamelessly suck up to whichever political party dangles an RS carrot in front of them. Should journalists

accept such ‘rewards’ from political parties and compromise their own reputations /neutrality? With a man like Naresh Agarwal sitting in the Upper House, hogging all the privileges after ditching his old party, one wonders about the depths we have fallen to. What sort of ‘character’ does he display? No loyalty, no credibility, only naked opportunism. His ‘contribution’ as a parliamentarian won’t be monitored either. He can sit tight, do nothing and get all his expenses paid by us! This abuse of honour has to stop. As citizens we should be able to challenge the appointments of people like Agarwal to Parliament. The BJP must demonstrate its good intentions by shunning such people. It’s still not too late to show him the door. Leave him stranded, then see the fun. We’ll save the last dance for him.

Meanwhile, dear sister Manjul, please ask your patidev to behave himself.

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# To say ‘MeToo’ in India is to commit professional jauhar

BY INVITATION

RASHMI BANSAL



Much ink has been spilt over Rani Padmavati who was coveted by Alauddin Khilji in the 13th century AD. Now imagine this modern-day scenario: Al Khilji is the hard-charging CEO of a startup which is challenging the established order. One day he hears of the beautiful Padma, an up and coming manager in the Gurgaon office. He summons her for a meeting and can’t stop staring at her throughout. While all she can do is look down on her reflection on the conference room table.

In the year 2018, Amorous Al doesn’t need a white steed, chainmail and an army of blood-thirsty soldiers. All he needs is Padma’s mobile phone number. He starts sending her flirty text messages. GMs. GNs. Dinner invitations. Virtual kisses. Padma does not know how to respond — she is not interested, but she needs the job. There are EMIs to pay and besides, the role is great. Maybe ‘no reply’ is a reply? He will get the hint?

Padma finds out the hard way — that’s not going to happen. She confides in a friend, considers lodging a complaint under POSH (Prevention of Sexual Harassment Act). “Are you out of your mind?” says the friend. That would be “professional jauhar”. So what does Padma do? Urgently, desperately, scout for another job. She accepts an offer which pays a bit less, and it’s not that great a company either. But guess what, the HR guy in her current company puts an adverse remark in her relieving letter.

This is an imaginary tale but versions of it are playing out in real life, across junior, middle and senior management in corporate India. Many months after #MeToo broke out in the US, cost Harvey Weinstein his company and Kevin Spacey his (Netflix) presidency, there isn’t much impact in India. Beyond Facebook posts, some Twitter noise and a few perfunctory articles, I would go so far as to say #MeToo is #Humtoaiseshainnahin. Aur hain bhi — toh kya kar loge?

The head of a well-known private equity fund was having an affair with his executive assistant. This was expressly forbidden in the rule book of the company. When the affair was discovered, the senior management took action. They transferred the lady in question to New York. The man received a gentle rap on his knuckles, and continues to be CEO. Last heard he’d found several reasons to visit New York on an urgent and regular basis.

The question that many will ask is — what’s wrong if it’s a consensual affair between two adults? The issue is the power asymmetry — a top manager who can make or break your career shows

an interest in you. Does the woman really have a choice? This is the textbook definition of sexual harassment. However, the lure of the forbidden fruit and knowledge that ‘I can get away with it’ means many will attempt it anyway. And they will be successful.

So, are women helpless, powerless and clueless in these situations? Not always. There are those who enter or even initiate asymmetrical relationships, in order to boost their careers. If and when things sour, they cry wolf. A senior HR person says she knows of many CEOs who are now wary of interacting with their women colleagues. Because you never know when someone might be upset about a poor performance appraisal but allege sexual harassment.

Things are complicated. A few serial offenders have, at last, been exposed and knocked off their pedestals. But what is really needed is a complete cultural shift. There are more workshops on POSH as well as internal complaints committees being



**SPEAK UP:** Zero tolerance to sexual harassment requires a complete cultural shift

set up, as per Vishakha guidelines. And that’s a welcome first step. But too few women feel confident to speak up. And too few workplaces are truly committed to a value system of zero tolerance.

There are, of course, exceptions. I recently heard a heartening story about an HR head who was almost recruited by a large startup. Until the background check revealed a tendency of (literally) rubbing women employees the wrong way. Although he checked off all other boxes, the candidate was dropped like a hot potato. This crucial information, which came from informal sources, was given its due. When will this become the widely accepted attitude, the rigorously implemented norm?

We owe it to all our girls.

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**DEADLINE EXTENSION**

My wife said, “Stay away, no kisses. First link your Aadhaar to your Missus.” I said, “Love, give your cheek. Your plea, so very bleak, Is one the Supreme Court dismisses.”

**REVERSAL**

Adityanath said, “I am the King. In Gorakhpur, I am everything.” Then he got his ass kicked. The voters can be strict. Could this be the start of a downswing?

**INBOX**

**Sign of desperation**

Apropos Abheek Barman’s column on statue demonstrations (March 11), a sense of desperation in BJP ranks is evident despite the N-E poll success, as defeats in Rajasthan and MP cut too close to the bone. The Tripura demolitions reveal intolerance, boding ill for the BJP which urgently needs to rein in unruly elements as LS polls are due next year. C V Aravind, Bengaluru

**Govt in, governance out**

With reference to Swaminomics (Mar 11), while achhe din remain a mirage, the BJP juggernaut may still power its way to a majority in 2019, thanks to Modi’s clean image and Amit Shah’s wizardry in turning the tables on opponents. When govt formation is all about seizing power, governance gets thrown out of the window. Avinash Godbole, Dewas

**Kashmir’s problem**

This refers to Shobita Dhar’s ‘How Ashima met Abbas’ (Mar 11). The problem is that the separatist leadership with its known agenda is supported by the political leadership of Kashmir, hindering the Pandit minority from responding to reconciliation overtures. The Kashmiri majority community needs to first divorce religion from politics. Kashinath Pandit, Jammu

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# Farmers have lit the torch, now it’s up to urban India to carry it

BY INVITATION

SIDDHARTH DHANVANT SHANGHVI



When our farmers marched, with flaming faith in their plea and modest hope for it to be met, they had no idea they’d end up showing middle-class India that the trick to winning the political game is to simply play it. As the farmers advanced toward the city, a friend extended the old analogy that they were like an ant that enters the eye of the elephant, and blinds it. To my friend I said, maybe the reverse was true: our farmers are the elephant, and the government is the ant that is raring to blind them. In his book *Philosophies of India*, German scholar Heinrich Zimmer explains that the essential premise of Gandhi’s Satyagraha was a movement of truth: by proving that British rule was an *asad*, an untruth, it showed how the truth might defeat it. This idea is still vigorously alive, and we have full, dazzling evidence at hand of this movement.

As the farmers’ satyagraha intensified, the Devendra Fadnavis government swung into damage control. Is the whole Azad Maidan spectacle worth the PR tamasha? It’s only a few hundred crores write-off — scamster jewellers whisk away thousands of crores...so what’s a little peanut amnesty for our entirely disenfranchised? A fixer might have gloated: This is exactly what we’ll do to annoy the hell out of the Congress, with its love for The Poors: we’ll take this away from them. Oh, wait they’re coming with Communist flags, but tell them we’re not Kerala! And if we fix this, the public is going to lap it up: the government hears you, it feels for you, it bleeds with you. This government is practically Oprah.

Let’s not turn the farmers’ march into a constellation of Humans of Rural India stories with a ton of feel on social media, and nothing on the floor. Yes, it’s honourable we received the farmers with grace and generosity, we set bandage to blood and bread to lip. Yes, we are clever to create those totally dukhi graphics (a broken sandal, a smear of blood) and we must be morally okay to experience moments of internal awe that bordered on the spiritual.

Congratulations! Well, not really. Because the narrative is not about what the city did for the country, but how the country came into town and showed us how to play it as it lays. Our well-meaning (but borderline condescending) avowal of the farmers’ movement is akin to what happens when Mumbai floods: we have kittens over the ‘spirit’ of the Mumbaikar, how they handed out Parle-G biscuits in the rain and took in distraught strangers who couldn’t get home when the tracks flood. Our life is not a Tennessee Williams drama where we go about counting on the ‘kindness of

strangers.’ Perhaps our life begins, and we passport into political adulthood, when we ask: But why did the train tracks flood to begin with? Why do we have to rely on strangers to take us in and not the government, who we contract via taxes we pay, to watch for us? Middle-class India, aglow in its appreciation of the farmer’s movement, fails to do one thing: it is not embarrassed by its inability to collect, gather, grow, speak up in a unified voice. And right now, that voice must take on India’s cellular level scamminess. It’s not only about spineless jewellers siphoning billions of dollars but also the taxi operator in Goa who turns table on an agreed rate, it’s the private bank that makes sly ‘transaction charges’ which the banker never divulges when they sign you up, it’s the phone you bought online that suddenly went kaput and the returns policy is sketchy about ‘sudden phone death’.

This flame was lit by our farmers. Loan defaulters — or money launderers, it’s not clear — would no doubt have set off the farmers’



**SHOWING THE WAY:** Middle-class India should take a cue from farmers and speak up against injustice

movement. If one wealthy chor can get away with 2 billion dollars, the farmers might have surmised, why’re we hanging ourselves over a 3,000-rupee loan? We are not ants. We are elephants.

Now, metropolitan India must carry the torch, and rail against India’s institutionalised fraudulence. What is stopping middle-class India from forbidding this nation’s elite to destabilise its economy, to puncture its morale, and worse, to lay example before our children that if you grow up to be world-class swindlers then your reward is not jail time but the exile beach at St Kitts? What the farmers have showed us — the English newspaper reading, organic oats eating, Koh Samui holiday picture posting, shaadi lehenga ordering constituency — is something simple, and profound: they have showed us justice is a way of honouring life.

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# Productivity tools to add more hours to your day

In the sea of browser extensions, it can be difficult to choose which is the best for you. Here are the ones that will make your browsing experience better, faster and more efficient

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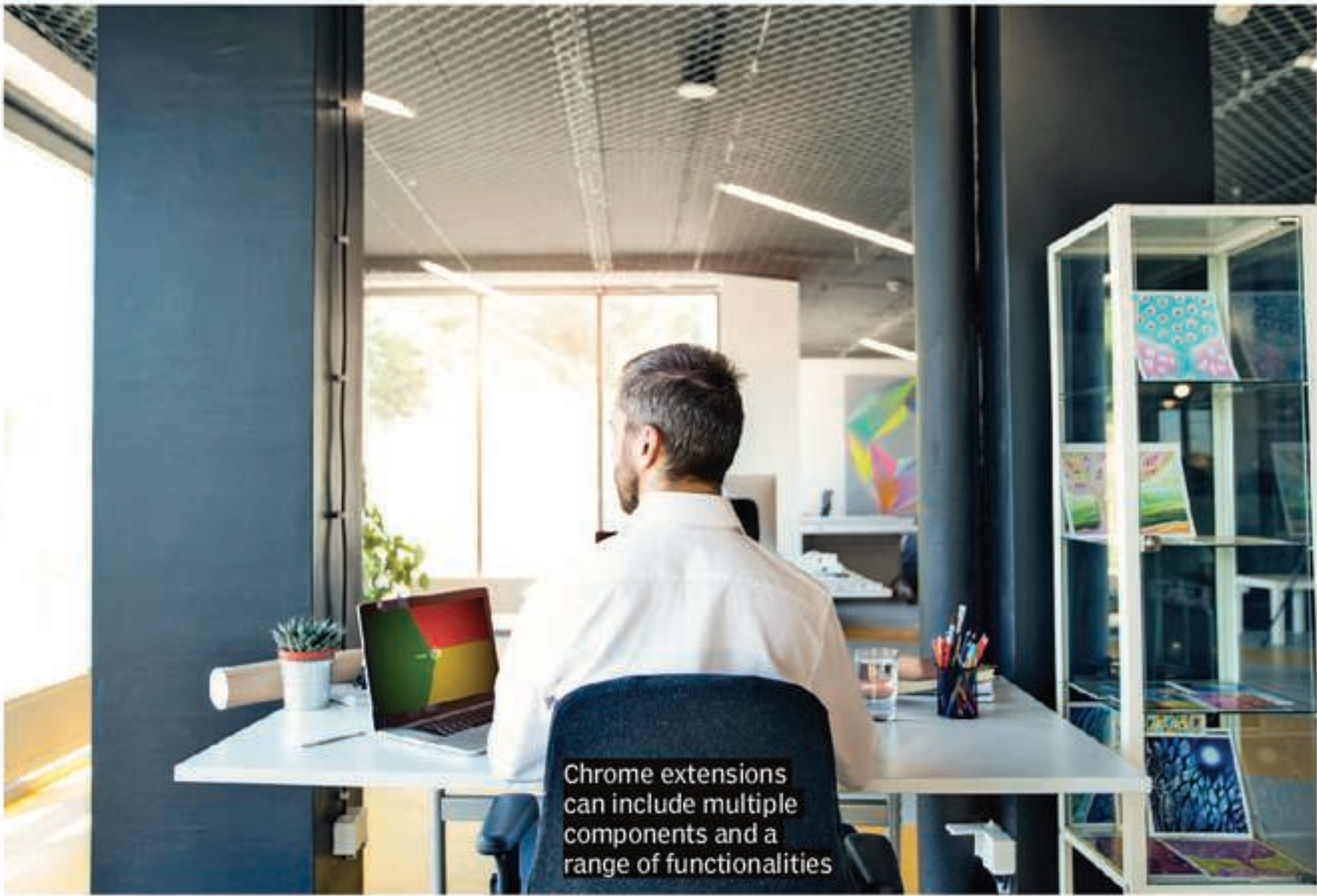
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### Google Translate

Ever visit a foreign website and wish you could read it? For certain languages, Chrome will automatically offer to translate the whole page to the language of your choice. With the extension though, you can highlight a line of text and translate just that.



Chrome extensions can include multiple components and a range of functionalities

## INTERFACE/UTILITIES

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**AdBlock and Adblock Plus**  
Adblock Plus is a community-driven extension ported from

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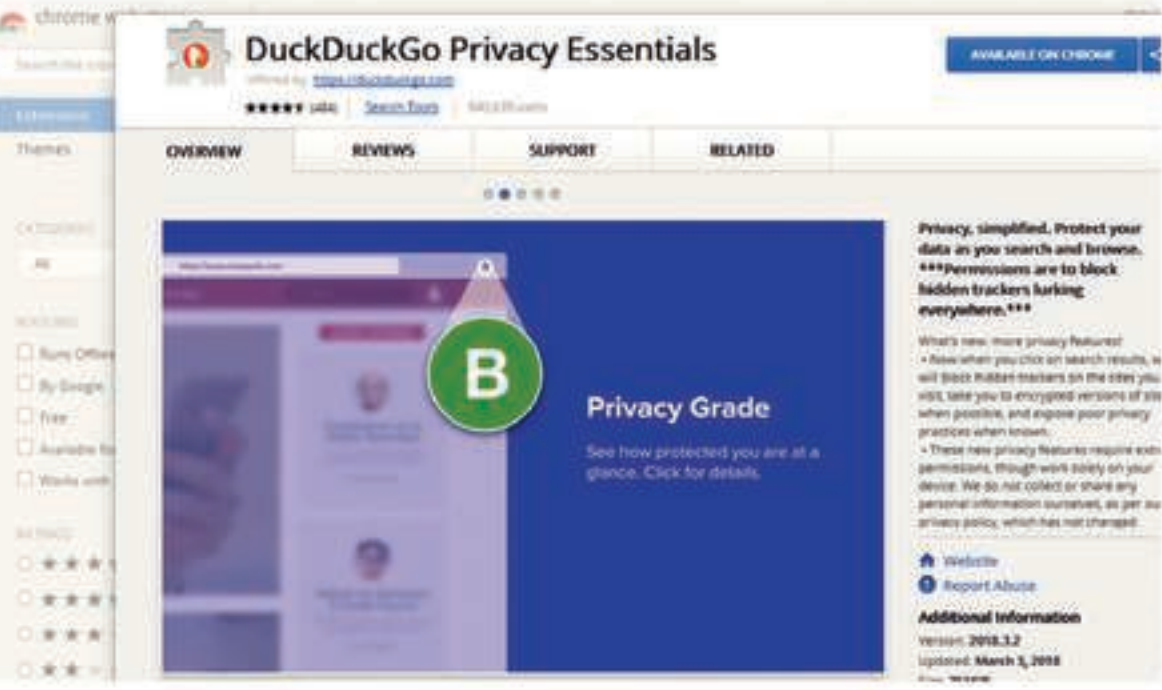
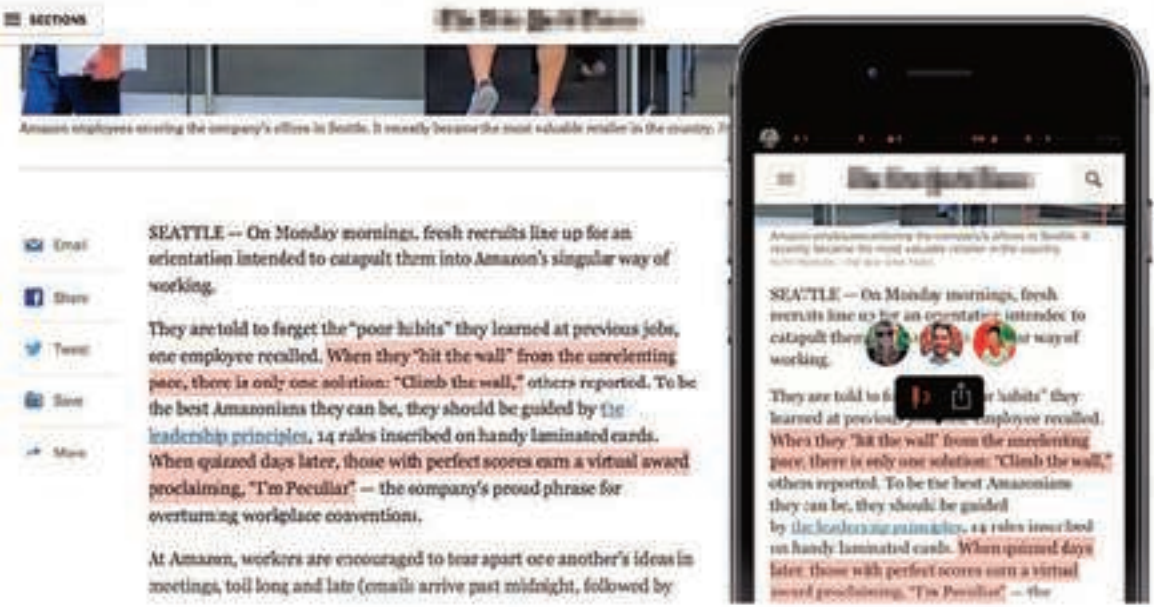
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# Now, your brain can help zap the excess pounds

A new wearable aims to help people achieve their physical goals through neuroscience-based 'careable tech'



The recently concluded MWC 2018 unveiled a headset that sends electric pulses to the brain to help you fight the flab. Modius is a headset worn for a few hours a week, which stimulates the part of the brain associated with metabolism and fat storage.

The headset, according to Modius, 'generates a low-level electrical pulse that is interpreted by the brain as a signal to become leaner'. The folks behind Modius point that many people hit a plateau in the early stages of their weight loss journey. Modius helps break through this by activating the hypothalamus.

Wearing the headset isn't meant to be a chore, but to help you find that little bit of calm. That's one of the reasons the Modius team has labelled the headset as the first generation of 'careable technology'.

Traditionally, wearable technology has been focused on monitoring you, allowing you to see how many steps you're walking, what your heart rate is or how many calories you're burning, explains Modius. "Careable

technology is wearable technology that goes beyond tracking and actually does something," it says.

Given anything that tinkers with the brain will raise eyebrows, the company seems to be making sure the science behind the technology is water-tight. Its case studies attest to Modius having a real-world benefit for its users. They reveal that "after three months of using Modius daily, almost 80 per cent of users have lost weight". This does come with the caveat that this data has been 'self-reported' by Modius users.

— AGENCIES

# The ex factor: It's okay to talk about past loves

You don't always have to avoid talking about former partners on the first date, says an expert. Being open can reveal a lot about the person you are currently dating

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You can never predict how well, or how badly, a first date will go. You might end up being side-barred, or simply not feel a spark. If things do seem to go well, there's no guarantee they'll even respond to your texts afterwards.

According to psychologist Susan Krauss Whitbourne from the University of Massachusetts, avoiding the topic of previous relationships can back you into a corner, especially if it comes up at a later date.

She told a magazine that it might seem like a small lie at the time to say you went on holiday 'with a friend' rather than your ex-partner, but it might not go down well if you have to change your story in the future. It's a good idea to think about why you'd want to keep it a secret in the first place. If it's because you're concerned about making your new love interest jealous, then that's probably a red flag they aren't right for you.

On the flip side, if your date is bringing up their ex at every available opportunity, then that might be a sign they're not ready to move on yet.

Bringing up the past in a mature, healthy way can actually be very revealing. In other words, if you do bring up an ex-partner in casual conversation, someone who is secure will ask an appropriate amount of questions — they won't probe too far, or brush off the conversation like it never happened. If you can get



through the conversation with neither of you squirming, that's probably a good sign. Also, how your date speaks about their past relationships can be a predictor for how they might treat you. For example, psychologist Elinor Greenberg says that people tend to follow patterns, and whatever they have done in their previous relationships, they are likely to do again. "If you listen carefully to how your new lover describes his or her important previous relationships and how he or she speaks about their exes, you can learn a lot about how this person is likely to treat you," she said.

It is also likely to mean they are unable to see people in a realistic way. They probably thought their exes were perfect at the start of the relationship, but since breaking up they are only able to see the bad things.



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# Cancer risk from cellphone radiation is small, say studies

As part of two US government studies, rats and mice were exposed to high levels of radio frequency radiation



Do cellphones cause cancer? Despite years of research, there is still no clear answer. But two US government studies released recently, one on rats and one on mice, suggest that if there is any risk, it is small.

Safety questions about cellphones have drawn intense interest and debate for years as the devices have become integral to most people's lives. Even a minute risk could harm millions of people. These two studies on the effects of the type of radiation that phones emit were conducted for over 10 years and cost \$25 million. They are considered the most extensive to date.

In male rats, the studies linked tumours in the heart to high exposure to radiation from the phones. But that

problem did not occur in female rats, or any mice. The rodents in the studies were exposed to radiation for

nine hours a day for two years, much more than what people experience, even with excessive cell phone use. So, the results cannot be applied directly to humans, said John Bucher, a senior scientist at the National Toxicology Program. The results, he said, had not led him to change his own mobile use or to urge his family to do so. But he also noted that the heart tumours in rats are similar to acoustic neuromas, a benign tumour in people involving the nerve that connects the ear to the brain, which some studies have linked to cell phone use. He said that nearly 20 animal studies on this subject have been done, "with the vast majority coming up negative with respect to cancer".

— THE NEW YORK TIMES



# In the pink of health

Apart from intimacy, getting frisky between the sheets is beneficial for one's well-being



Making love reduces stress and also improves immunity levels

The benefits of a great love-making session with your partner goes way beyond an orgasm. Getting some action not only reduces stress but also has a significant impact on your immunity levels. Here's how having sex regularly can be healthy for you:

### You will be in a good mood

A study conducted between 1989 and 2012 on 30,000 American men and women found that having sex at least once a week made people happy. Studies also proved that frequent cuddling, holding hands, kissing and having regular intercourse contributed to great mental satisfaction.

### You will sleep better

There is a reason why couples get a sound sleep post a cosy session. After an orgasm, our body releases

prolactin — it relaxes you. A combination of feel-good hormones and prolactin contributes to a peaceful slumber. With a good night's sleep, the libido gets a boost. According to a study conducted in 2015, women who got a good sleep were more likely to experience the urge to make love the next day.

### You will get smarter as you grow older

Several studies have shown that having an active sex life as you age lowers the risk of dementia. It improves your brain's cognitive abilities, functioning and recall. A British study found that sexually active men between the ages 50 and 89 had increased cognitive function measured by word recall and number sequencing.

— AGENCIES

# It's a HIT: Why high intensity interval training is all the rage in fitness



Celebrities are praising a viral fitness regimen for whipping them back into incredible shape. Here's how it works

businessinsider.in

Do you have seven minutes? You could spend them getting into shape. It may sound like hype, but working your body fast and hard for just a few minutes — interspersed with short periods of rest — is an effective means of toning your muscles and improving your heart health.

This type of exercise goes by a handful of names, including high intensity interval-training, HIIT, and Tabata, but the basic gist is the same. The science-backed programme essentially boils down the strength and heart

benefits of a sweaty bike ride or a trip to the gym into a concentrated aerobic workout that you can do at home. Like any interval training plan, it involves a range of moves like planks, push-ups, jumping jacks, and squats. During these short bursts, you push yourself at your maximum capacity.

### A good alternative

If you're not into gyms or fitness classes, interval training might be a good fit for you. Some studies suggest that interval training may be as good as or better than regular endurance exercise for building muscle and protecting the heart.

For one thing, the program may be easier to embrace since it involves no equipment or pricey gym fees, and even people who aren't used to working out can give it a shot. A 2011 study published in the journal *Medicine and Science in Sports and Exercise* looked at the impact



Pics: Thinkstock Photos/Getty Images



of interval training on previously sedentary adults. They found that the regimen significantly improved the participants' muscle health, suggesting it was a practical fitness intervention for people who don't typically exercise.

### Enjoy your workout

Interval training's combination of cardio and strength training also appears to provide a handful of benefits for the body that are on a par with those you'd get from a traditional workout. A review of studies published in the

*International Journal of Cardiology* in 2013 looked at nearly 500 people with chronic heart failure, and found that interval training was linked with better results than plain old endurance exercise when it comes to a key measure of heart health.

Whichever workout you decide to try, the most important thing is that you enjoy it enough to stick with it. While some programs last 12 weeks, they are likely meant only as a jumping-off point. To get lasting benefits for your brain and body, experts recommend maintaining a regular fitness regimen for life.



A WEEKLY PICK OF STIMULATING IDEAS AND OPINIONS THAT HAVE APPEARED IN OTHER MEDIA, ONLINE AND OFFLINE

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QUORA QUESTION

A compelling question from Q&A site quora.com

Why do babies always have their fists clenched?

Answer by WILLIAM ADAMS  
PAEDIATRICIAN

Not only do newborns clench their fists, but they do it in a distinctly different way than us: they tuck their thumb in. Why tuck the thumb in when it couldn't do much grabbing and pinching with the fingers tucked in? The most delicate area in the womb is not the baby; it's that remarkable thin amniotic sac that envelops the baby. Even scratching or pricking that amnion can induce a cascade of chemicals and hormones and lead to premature labour. What about the toenails? Newborns don't have toenails that stick out like fingernails. Mother Nature covers over the tips of newborn's toenails.

182.8K VIEWS

12.4 K UPVOTES

GREAT READS

Stories you shouldn't miss this week

RELYING ON SOCIAL MEDIA TO TAKE ON SEXISM

There is no small irony in the fact that in the aftermath of #MeToo campaign, Silicon Valley's tech tools whether Facebook, Twitter, and now even Instagram, have proved crucial to spreading the movement, even as the tech world remains steeped in sexism. For the past few months, @DietMadisonAve, an Insta account operated by 17 anonymous organizers, has been publishing names of alleged harassers in the ad industry. Creators of the account say social media is only a version of the traditional whisper network.

For more: Vanity Fair

WHEN THE VATICAN HOSTS A HACKATHON

Last weekend, a few hundred metres away from St Peter's Basilica, the Vatican hosted its first hackathon. Not only was the event's holy location novel, so were the themes – social inclusion, promoting inter-faith dialogue and helping refugees. The hackers – fueled by pasta and coffee – brainstormed and coded for 36 hours to finish projects. This meeting of tech and church is not a one-off event as the Vatican promises to host more hackathons.

For more: Wired

HOW AN OSCAR SPEECH IS CHANGING HOLLYWOOD

I have two words to leave you with tonight," Frances McDormand told the audience at the Oscars. "Inclusion rider."

The phrase, which had many rushing to Google the term, is basically a contract stipulation that requires diversity in a film's cast and crew. And it's now sparked a mini-trend. Matt Damon, Ben Affleck and Paul Feig have committed to adopting an "inclusion rider" for their companies' films. But these are still individual firms who produce just two to three movies a year. Real change won't happen till the big studios adopt it. But so far they've stayed mum.

For more: The Atlantic

# The truth still needs to be told on paper

Digital-Only Records Disappear Leaving A Hole In History When Websites Go Down, Are Hacked, Or Ordered Shut By Court, Govt, Or Billionaires

There's an old joke among tech experts: "Digital data lasts forever, or five years, whichever comes first." It's also called Rothenberg's Law after a computer scientist named Jeff Rothenberg. But what does it mean? As Rothenberg explained it: "Our digital documents are far more fragile than paper... In fact, the record of the entire present period of history is in jeopardy." Rothenberg wrote this in 1995, when newspapers and other public records were only beginning to be digitised. How are we placed today?



PERMANENT INK: Tyrants like Hitler have an interest in distorting history, but well-preserved newspaper archives make this difficult

You might be reading this in the print edition of *The Times of India*, although it's also available in the epaper. Suppose, for some reason—a meteorite strike, say—the newspaper and its servers cease to exist, what will happen to this page? The online image will be lost but a copy will survive wherever public libraries maintain archives.

You might say this page is not important. It does not matter if we lose it irretrievably. What if it were a page from the morning after Mahatma Gandhi's assassination, or the Bhopal gas tragedy? Newspaper archives are the best, unbroken record of history we have.

A few years ago, opponents of then US President Barack Obama spread the lie

that he was born in Kenya. Their claim was proved false by a two-line announcement on Page B-6 of *The Sunday Advertiser*, dated August 13, 1961, that lay in the microfilm archive of the Honolulu State Library. It said a son had been born to Mr and Mrs Barack H. Obama on August 4. News websites can be hacked, not yellowing newspaper or its microfilm archive.

Clearly, we need a record of history that cannot be tampered with, and can be maintained for a very long time. If either condition is not fulfilled, rumour mongers get a free run. It is already happening. Fake news is big on social media. Even legitimate digital-only news outlets can be hacked, and

their stories altered. Besides, on-line records also face a threat from peevish billionaires now.

When staff at two digital publications decided to unionise, the owner, billionaire Joe Rick- etts, shut them down and re- moved their archives. In a moment, a vast trove of public record disappeared.

The most famous instance of this behaviour is the Gawker Media case. Gawker was driven to bankruptcy with a barrage of lawsuits sponsored by a billion- aire, who now wants to buy the shuttered site, perhaps to destroy its online archive which contains many articles mocking him.

The Gawker did valuable service by airing the Harvey Wein- stein and Bill Cosby sexual harassment scandals. All of its work is at risk of being wiped out. Had it been a print publication its archive, dispersed over many libraries and personal collections, would be beyond the reach of any court order or a billion- aire's whims.

Digital is great for creating and distrib- uting content, but we cannot depend on it, yet, for archiving. Until we are sure that whatever is published online gets saved in multiple archives, and that these archives are safe from billionaires, hackers, courts and governments, we should continue up- dating our daily record of history on paper.

For more: Columbia Journalism Review

## Microwaveable meals are hard to eat, harder to make

Microwaveable ready meals aren't what you would call mouthwater- ing. Often, they turn out barely edible. Rubbery, oily, messy. If all you can think is how difficult they are to stomach, consider how much harder they are for chefs to create.

How do you ensure that the con- tents of the plastic tray set inside a microwave oven come out look- ing and tasting as good as the pic- ture on the box promises? It is very difficult because of the traits of these ovens.

Perhaps the greatest weakness of a microwave is that it can't do the 'Maillard reaction'. This reaction marries amino acids (proteins) with sugars to unleash magical scents and fla- vours. It browns breads and cakes, and unlocks the aroma of coffee.

CHEMISTRY CLASS: Some flavour producing reactions don't happen in the moist confines of a microwave

But this reaction can happen only when the moisture content of food falls below 5%, something a microwave oven cannot do. Inside a microwave, the sur- face of food never gets dry enough to brown or crust (although now there's special packaging that helps crisp bread in a micro- wave oven).

Even water boils at a higher temperature of 105 degrees Celsius. Without the Maillard reaction, microwaveable dishes come out bland, unless they have been loaded with harmful salt, sugar and MSG. They usually are.

Ever heated pizza inside a microwave? It'll get hot but not crisp. That's because even the air inside the oven does not be- come dry. Fish, though, works because it needs to be brought to a high temperature as quickly as possible.

For more: BBC



## New US rule on unpaid interns bad news for workers

Internship is an opportunity to learn. An intern is not part of a company's regular workforce, and US law prohi- bited employers from benefiting from the work of unpaid interns. Although the rule was flouted, the law was clear. But on January 8, America's new Department of Labor threw out the old rule. Now, an unpaid intern "complements, rather than displaces, the work of paid employees."

Why is it a significant change? If you were an employer, and you could get unpaid workers to do most of your company's easier work — on the promise of an expe- rience certificate — wouldn't you get rid of at least some of your paid employees? "A job that can be legally done by a young person for free is a job a company no longer needs to pay someone to do."

Not every intern can afford to work for free. Many are poor, and need to start earn- ing at the earliest, but when there is a constant supply of interns waiting to vol- unteer free work, how can they dare to demand pay? Legalised unpaid labour makes getting paid very difficult.

For more: Jacobin

## Being poor can make you less intelligent

A poor person cannot take their child to a theme park. Certain types of enjoyment are obviously beyond their reach, but research shows being poor is oppressive even when people are not denying themselves a material pleasure. The knowledge that they are precariously placed, financially, changes their outlook on life and even routine experiences trig- ger "thoughts about cost and money."

These thoughts interfere with other expe- riences. For instance, if a group of friends is planning to go out for pizza, the poor person's thoughts will be focused on

the expenditure and a way to wriggle out of the situation.

"Simple daily events such as gathering with friends, having a beer, or riding in a taxi take on an additional dimension for the poor – it is not just about the experience itself, but also about the underlying costs."

Constantly thinking about money nar- rows their vision. This helps when they are making ordinary buying decisions about groceries and other needs. They certainly behave more rationally than people who are well-off, but it affects their intelligence overall.

For more: Psychological Science

"While poor people actually make sen- sible decisions when buying groceries, for example, other research has found that, during periods when money is scarce, peo- ple perform worse on measures of fluid intelligence (the ability to think abstractly, identify patterns, and solve problems) and cognitive control."

This challenges the notion that rich peo- ple are rich because they are smart, or that poor people are less intelligent. Rather, poverty holds people back from making choices that could make them prosper.

## Why tennis balls seem yellow to some, green to others

Three years ago, a washed-out picture of a dress led to a storm on Twitter. Millions said it was black and blue, millions more said it was white and gold. It was simply a case of the other side not being able to see the obvious.

How could so many millions of people mistake something as basic and objective as colour? Fact is, our perception of colour is not objective data but "a computation of the brain — one that is so good that we think it is an objective property of the world," Bevil Conway, a researcher at America's National Eye Institute, is quoted in an article in *The Atlantic*.

Colour became a talking point again when recently, in a Twitter poll, 15,600 re- spondents said a tennis ball is green, while 12,600 said it is yellow. Why couldn't every-



NIGHT OWL OR EARLY BIRD? The colour you see may depend on your routine

one agree on the colour when Wikipedia declares tennis balls are fluo- rescent yellow at major events, and the In- ternational Tennis Federation chose yellow

as their colour back in 1972?

Conway says yellow is a strange colour. On the one hand, it is the easiest to spot. Ask someone to pick the yellow- ous out of a packet of jelly- beans, and they won't make any mistake. It really stands out, which is why it is the best colour for a fast-moving tennis ball. Yet, if you give people a yellow jellybean alone and ask them to name its colour, they will differ.

The confusion arises be- cause, like different makes of digital camera, our minds do their colour correction differently. The light around us changes all day, but apples uniformly ap-

pear red and bananas yellow. If your mind compensates towards cool colours, the 2015 dress will seem black and blue. If it gives more weightage to warm colours, the dress will seem white and gold. A quick poll showed that people who saw the dress as white and gold said tennis balls are yellow, and the rest said they are green.

Lifestyle plays a role in our colour per- ception, says Conway: "Night owls, for example, spend most of their time under artificial, warm light, which means they'd discount warm colors and see a tennis ball as green. Early birds, on the other hand, get plenty of exposure to blue daylight, which means they would discount cool colors and see a tennis ball as yellow." What type of bird are you?

For more: The Atlantic

### INCREDIBLE FACT

5% Only one in 20 persons in Roman-era Britain (AD 200-400) had gum disease. Today, it has increased to 1-in-3 persons due to smoking and type-2 diabetes



### Why you should take care not to lose golf balls

Golf is a rich person's sport. You need many acres in or near a city, and you need to keep them green. Golf clubs don't come cheap, and golf balls tend to get lost easily. So easily that every year many millions are lost. These lost balls sometimes appear whole inside fish and even inside bird eggs! A golf ball is simply rubber encased in plastic. Many thousand tonnes of them get shredded by seawaves into microplastics that find their way back to us in seafood. So, next time you are at a course, take care not to lose a ball.

32,000 Golf courses in the world

1.2 billion Golf balls made every year

600 million Roughly half are lost

300 million Golf balls lost in the US alone every year

46g Weight of one ball

55,000 tonnes Weight of all the balls made in a year

Source: Hakai Magazine

### LESSER-KNOWN TREASURES FROM THE WEB

A pick of offbeat, non-mainstream blogs and sites

#### whereisroadster.com

It is more than a month since SpaceX's Falcon Heavy rocket shot into space carrying a Tesla Roadster car and its dummy driver Starman listening to the David Bowie songs 'Is There Life on Mars?' and 'Space Oddity'.

Where is the duo now?

The loose answer is, somewhere in the solar system, circling the Sun. If you want a closer approxi- mation, try Ben Pearson's site whereisroadster.com. Pearson is an electrical engineer in the aerospace sector. His site has a variety of data about the Roadster's location.

Clicking on the site logo shows you the car's distances from Earth and Sun, and the speeds at which it is moving away from both; it also shows how quickly it is moving towards Mars, for now, and its average mileage based on rocket

fuel used and distance covered.

The second link, 'Chart', plots this information in an animation showing the orbits of four planets and the car, up to November 18, 2020.

There's a separate link to show



when it will be closest and far- thest from each of the heavenly bodies, and you also get answers to frequently asked questions, such as, "Why didn't they put solar panels on Starman to make it last longer?"

### PICTORY A picture that tells a story

#### NASA's billion-dollar leaning tower

2009 Construction of Mobile Launcher (ML) starts for Ares 1 rocket project, which is scrapped and replaced by the more powerful Space Launch System (SLS) project

\$234m Initial cost of launcher

\$54m Estimated cost of modifying ML

\$912m What NASA actually spent on the 380-foot-tall, 4,700-tonne structure

\$300m What building a new SLS launcher would have cost

1 Number of times ML will be used before it is scrapped because it is leaning. Fixing it will cost more time and money, and add about 340 tonnes to its weight

Source: Futurism, NASA, Photo: NASA

#### WHY MUSIC ALBUMS ARE GROWING LONGER

Bruno Mars won Album of the Year at this year's Grammys with his 33-minute long '24K Magic', but new albums are increasingly going over the 1-hour mark. In just five years, the average playing time of the top 5 albums on Spotify has risen to one hour—an increase of 10 minutes. For instance, artist Migos' 'Culture II' has 24 tracks lasting 1 hour and 46 minutes. Another singer, Chris Brown, has 45 tracks on his album. Producers are pushing longer

albums because, "Longer albums that generate more streams can lead to Number One chart debuts." Brown's album was certified gold even though none of its tracks figured in the top 40.

It's also about audience behaviour. There's so much new music on streaming services that listeners don't play an album more than a few times. An artist's best bet is to give them more. The longer an album plays, the more they can earn.

For more: Rolling Stone

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TOI'S MOST WATCHED

Boot house' on Malabar Hill reopens

A video of the recently reopened "Old Woman's Shoe" at Kamala Nehru Park on Malabar Hill, Mumbai, was seen more than two lakh times and shared by more than 1,000 users, on TOI's Facebook page.

http://bit.ly/2FbZbRc

206K VIEWS

3.4K LIKES

1.1K SHARES

430 COMMENTS

WIT OF THE WEEK



## HAWKING LOVED TO GAMBLE

### When he lost, science gained



Stephen Hawking always loved a good bet, although he would frequently be on the losing side. But win or lose, his bets generated publicity for matters considered too complex and dense by most

#### The Higgs boson bet

In 2000, Hawking bet Gordon Kane of the University of Michigan \$100 that the Higgs boson — a subatomic particle — would never be found

OUTCOME: Lost

Higgs boson was confirmed in 2012 and Hawking paid off the \$100 wager

**WHY IT MATTERED:** Called the 'God particle', scientists believe it's the particle that gives all matter its mass



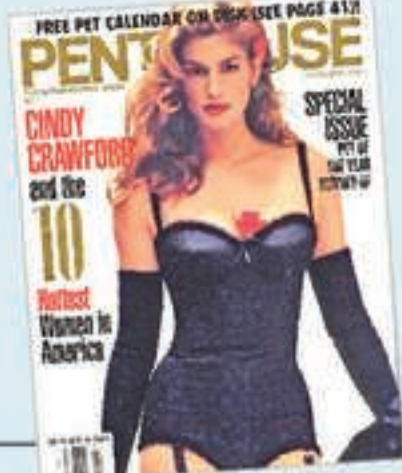
#### The Penthouse bet

In 1974 he bet Kip Thorne, a CalTech physicist, that Cygnus X-1, a bright object in the constellation Cygnus, wasn't a black hole

OUTCOME: Lost

Admitted in 1990 that he'd lost and paid off the bet with a subscription to Penthouse

**WHY IT MATTERED:** Hawking's work was based on the idea that black holes exist. The subsequent publicity raised the profile of black holes — and Hawking — for years



#### The naked singularity bet

In 1991, Hawking bet CalTech physicists John Preskill and Thorne that a naked singularity could not exist. A singularity is a point of zero volume where matter becomes infinitely dense

OUTCOME: Lost

Hawking admitted defeat in 1997 and handed the duo \$100 each and T-shirts printed with the slogan "Nature Abhors A Singularity"

**WHY IT MATTERED:** Actually the big contribution of Hawking was to show that the Big Bang theory, that is of the universe beginning from a single point, or singularity, was physically possible. Preskill said that the Big Bang was from a singularity

#### Thorne-Hawking-Preskill bet

In 1997 he and Thorne bet Preskill again, that information swallowed by a black hole could never be retrieved

Hawking announced in 2004 that he was wrong and presented Preskill with a baseball encyclopaedia

OUTCOME: Lost

**WHY IT MATTERED:** The accepted

theory was that black holes suck in everything, even light. So, something escaping black holes would undermine the basic tenets of physics. Hawking would later propose the Hawking radiation, a type of radiation emitted by black holes. This explains how black holes lose mass, the discovery that was Hawking's crowning achievement

Photos: Getty Images, Nasa | Source: Bloomberg

# The phone booth makes a comeback

Open-plan offices are installing call rooms to give employees some privacy and space

Dodai Stewart

For much of the 20th century, the phone booth was a steadfast and essential installation of modern life. Clark Kent frequently changed to Superman in one and in 'The Matrix', a phone booth was a portal — an exit device from the digital realm. But as mobile phone use exploded, the booth began to disappear. Now, at least a variation of it is making a modest comeback.

When the women-only club and work space The Wing opened its first location in New York's Manhattan in 2016, the interior featured one small, windowless, reflective glass-doored room dubbed the Phone Booth. One year later, its Soho office had eight built-in, glass-doored call rooms. Each tiny space is equipped with a power outlet, a shallow shelf, a stool and a quaint, non-functional — but highly Instagrammable — retro telephone



**DIAL P FOR PRIVACY:** The booth at The Wing in New York has a retro telephone. Now, more workspaces are following suit

The Wing is not alone. Five new, maple-sided, portable, modular Zenbooth phone booths were installed last year at the New York headquarters of Gizmodo Media Group, the home of several websites, including Deadspin, Lifehacker, Jezebel and Splinter. But because approximately 230 employees work out of the GMG headquarters, the booths are frequently occupied by writers and editors looking

to make a private call. Thus, the company's facilities manager, Will Sansom, recently ordered four additional Zenbooths — including one two-seater that acts as a small stand-alone meeting room — explaining that there has been "positively positive feedback across the board."

Other companies that have recently purchased Zenbooths include Volkswagen, Lyft, Meetup and Capital One. The California company co-founder Sam Johnson said, it produced "hundreds" of Zenbooths a month in 2017. This year, it's on track to quadruple that production. But he doesn't call them phone booths. "We're manufacturing quiet spaces and privacy," he said.

Zenbooth is not the only free-standing office phone booth in the game. Companies like Cubicali, Nomad, and TalkBox, among others, are offering up solutions to the modern office's privacy problem.

The return of the phone booth signals a gesture toward more civility. Talking on the phone for others to overhear, especially in a work environment, has become an etiquette issue, and at worst, a pollutant. However small the footprint, the option for privacy is welcome. As The Wing's Gelman put it, "Sometimes you just need a minute to yourself." NYT NEWS SERVICE

## Chernobyl is going green

James M Gomez and Kateryna Choursina

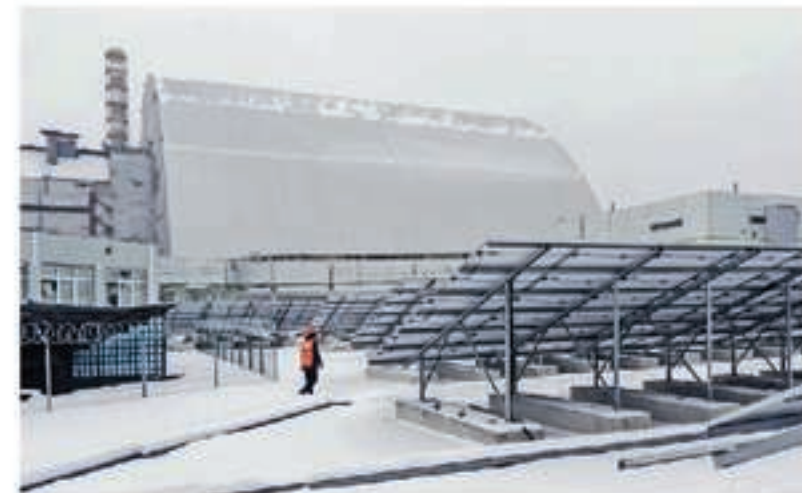
A hundred yards from the rusting ruins at the site of the world's worst nuclear disaster, a gossamer array of almost 4,000 photovoltaic panels sits atop a thick concrete slab capping a grave of radioactive waste. When it comes to clean energy, it's hard to think of a less likely place than Ukraine's infamous Chernobyl nuclear plant. But final preparations are being made to generate electricity again, this time using safer power from the sun.

It's part of the country's plan to reduce dependency on increasingly unreliable Russian gas deliveries and disrupted coal supplies. Dominated by the 300-ft-high grey containment structure that entombs the destroyed reactor, Chernobyl's exclusion zone is almost the size of Luxembourg, and the authorities say it's vital to Ukraine's push to double its solar energy output.

Solar Chernobyl SPP is at the vanguard of the latest experiment to give a place synonymous with catastrophe a new life after previous efforts failed. The company is a partnership between Ukrainian entrepreneur Yevgen Variagin's Rodina Energy Group and Hamburg-based Enerparc AG.

"Our idea was to utilize the waste land that's unsuitable for anything else and somehow develop the investment project and make business in Chernobyl," Variagin, who was a 10-year-old schoolboy in Kiev when the disaster struck in April 1986, said as he showed off the solar panels installed over the past month.

The Chernobyl power plant was once the cornerstone of the Soviet Union's nuclear strategy in Ukraine. Then the fourth reactor exploded, blanket-



**POWER PUSH:** Site of the world's worst nuclear disaster is experimenting with renewable energy

ing the area with radiation that killed 49 people outright and left thousands more with lingering, often fatal health problems. The zone is dotted with abandoned villages and former dairy farms slowly being swallowed up by the dense forest.

That's where it fits in to the grand renewable energy plan. Ukraine wants to boost solar, hydro, wind, biomass and biogas output to 11% of power generation by 2020, said Yulia Kovaliv, the head of Ukraine's National Investment Council.

With a cumulative capacity of around 1.2 gigawatts of solar power by the end of 2017, Ukraine already is a "significant player" at par with European countries such as Austria, according to Bloomberg Intelligence analyst James Evans.

The goal now is to lure companies to generate another 1.2 gigawatts of solar energy on the site of the devastation, enough to power 200,000 homes. BLOOMBERG

### SHORT CUTS

**ICON TO DOLL:** Mattel has drawn flak for turning Mexican artist Frida Kahlo into a Barbie. Members of Frida's family say the doll does not have her distinctive unibrow, and even the costume is not authentic. It also shows the disabled artist sans wheelchair

### Self-employed happier despite long hours: Study

Self-employed people are happier and more engaged with their jobs than those working in any other profession, a new study claims. A team of British researchers analysed data from 5,000 workers in the UK, US, New Zealand and Australia, found self-employed people were more successful in their careers, and felt more satisfied with their professional contributions. They also reported greater opportunities for innovation. "They value the autonomy they have. They have the freedom to express their own views, have influence beyond their own role and compete with other companies and people," explained co-author professor Peter Warr of the University of Sheffield.

### the next 7 DAYS

#### Putin again?

Seven candidates are running against Russian president Vladimir Putin in today's presidential election, which he's predicted to win

#### WTO meet

New Delhi will play host to trade ministers of 40 countries at the WTO mini-ministerial meet starting Monday to be attended by chief economic advisor Arvind Subramanian

#### RS polls

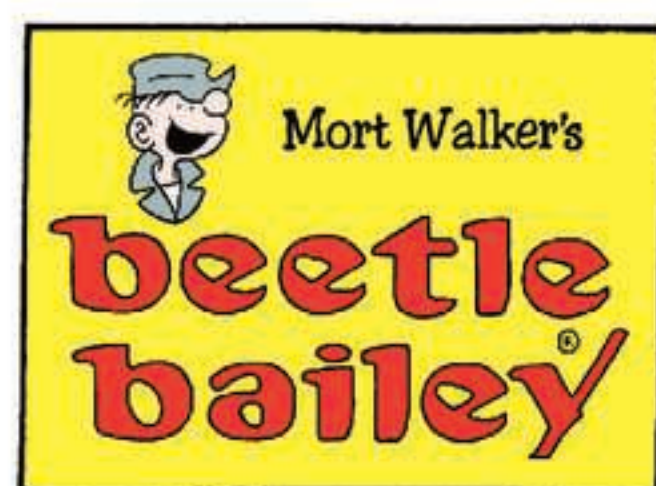
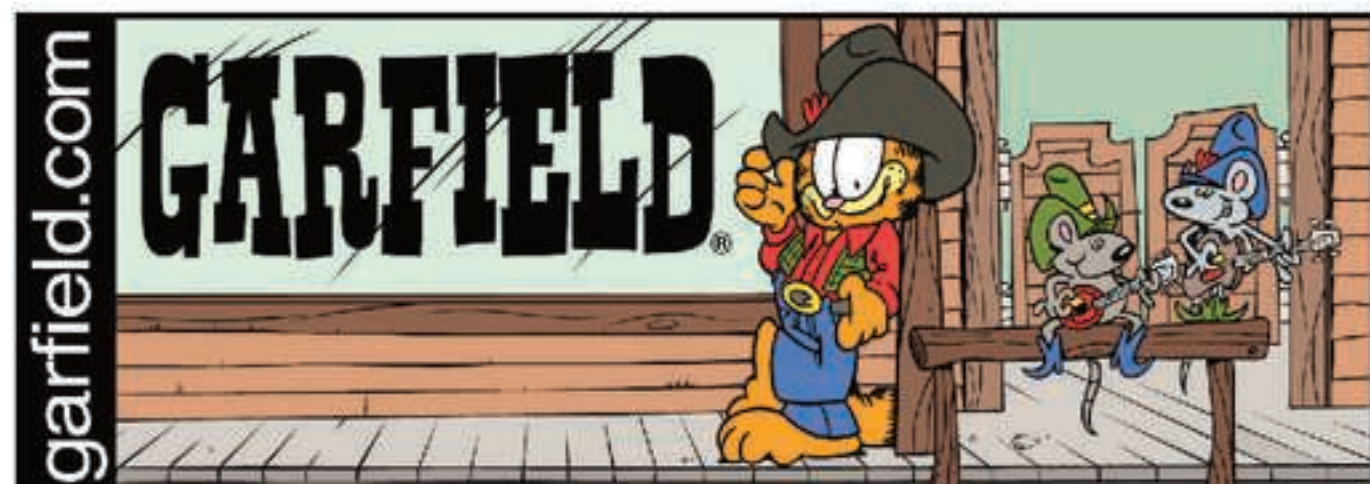
Voting to elect 58 members to the Rajya Sabha including finance minister Arun Jaitley will take place on Friday

#### Anna stir

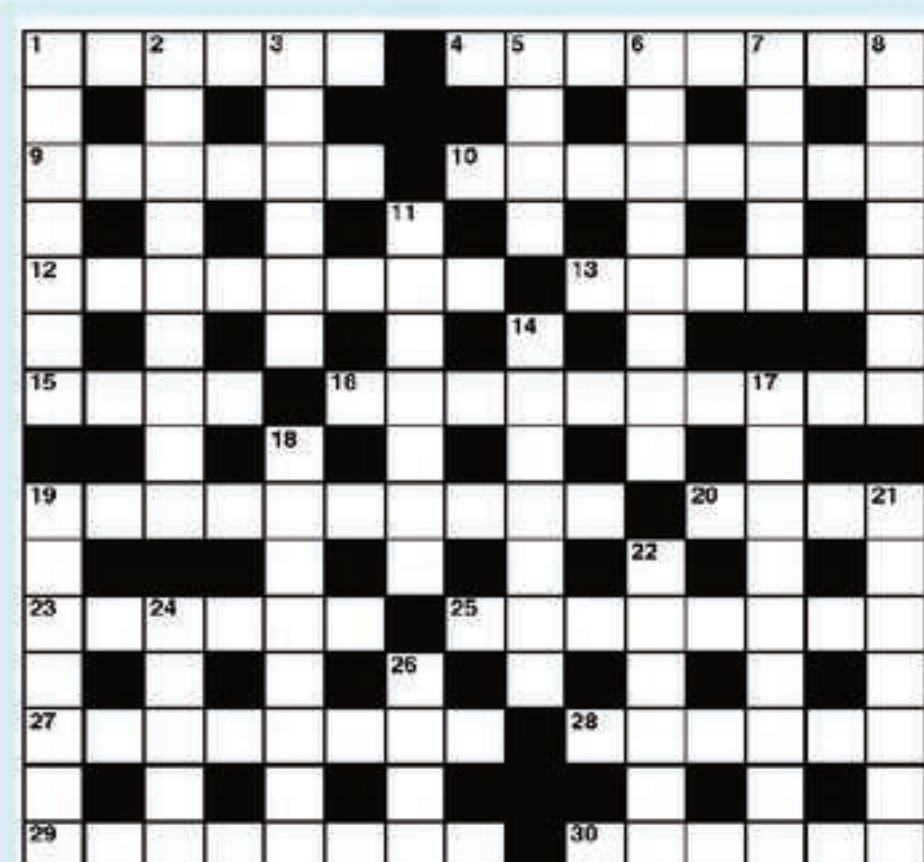
Social activist Anna Hazare will resume his battle for Jan Lokpal Bill and agriculture reforms with a fresh agitation in New Delhi from Friday

#### Film fest

Over 50 films from across the globe will be screened at the Habitat International Film Festival (HIFF) in New Delhi from Friday to April 2



### SUNDAY CROSSWORD 3142



#### CRYPTIC CLUES

- Across**
- 1 A coin's tossed in a gambling situation (6)
  - 4 Leg bound to be broken by heavy stick (8)
  - 9 A tense arrangement for the governing body (6)
  - 10 Business head shows resolution (8)
  - 12 Iran says it's uneasy about an ancient neighbour (8)
  - 13 Old man's edgy companion? (6)
  - 15 Classical maid who always had the last word (4)
  - 16 Accomplished boxers are unhappy if they have to be (7,3)
  - 19 Unhealthy antagonism? (3,7)
  - 20 Hold the fort (4)
  - 23 Fancied the cheaper sort of cigarettes (6)
  - 25 End a hotel employee strike (8)
  - 27 Uncle perhaps? That would be telling! (8)
  - 28 Battle suit (6)
  - 29 Careless example of hit and run (8)
  - 30 Checked in, in a rush (6)
- Down**
- 1 Fall of rotter in law-suit (7)
  - 2 She cleans out for the steward (9)
  - 3 A person's character aunt is upset about (6)
  - 5 Put down face up (4)
  - 6 Flattery left him with a nasty hangover (8)
  - 7 Build straight up (5)
  - 8 Beginning the northern climb (7)
  - 11 Sailor in strange place is efficient (7)
  - 14 Stone jar with nickel lining (7)
  - 17 Performance in the theatre switched to open air (8)
  - 18 Didn't stay uninvited (8)
  - 19 Confines one after another, we hear (7)
  - 21 Cleaned down (7)
  - 22 Odd pieces of money (6)
  - 24 Dance around pal, OK? (5)
  - 26 Adds up the numbers of infants (4)

#### QUICK CLUES

- ACROSS**
- 1 Coax (6)
  - 4 International tennis trophy (5,3)
  - 9 Sailor (8)
  - 10 Traitor (8)
  - 12 Vividly expressive (8)
  - 13 Little wave (6)
  - 15 Without added water (4)
  - 16 Enjoying special rights (10)
  - 19 Meant to avoid humiliation (4-6)
  - 20 Something boring (4)
  - 23 Absolute truth (6)
  - 25 To hamper (8)
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  - 28 Postpone indefinitely (6)
  - 29 Diffidence (8)
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- 1 Tank for storing water (7)
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  - 3 Confederacy (6)
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  - 6 Unfit to be eaten (8)
  - 7 Restrict (5)
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  - 11 Impress deeply (7)
  - 12 Close of daytime (7)
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  - 24 Capture by assault (5)
  - 26 Helpful suggestion (4)

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### GANESHA SAYS

BEJAN DARUWALLA

**Aries:** Ganesha says as the period dawns, your attention will be drawn towards laying strong foundations for your finances. Though you are in a stable financial position, you realise that you need to make more money and make your family more secure.

**Taurus:** You continue to make determined efforts towards strengthening your financial position. Traveling for work/higher studies/business is a possibility this period. You are always open to learning new strategies that could help you in your career and yet also indulge in play in equal measure.

**Gemini:** You have been involved, till now, in seriously and conservatively building your family's nest-egg. Now, at this phase, you could feel an upsurge of emotional energy which could cause restlessness. You may indulge in disruptive and decadent behaviour.

**Cancer:** our reckless behaviour is under control as you knuckle down to the sedate job of making a living and creating wealth. There could be some problems at work which you will have to resolve. It will be a good idea to find a balance and spend more time with your family/loved ones.

**Leo:** You have been devoting much of your energies to work and this has been causing difficulties in your relationships. There could be collaborations with international partners and your reputation at work receives a huge boost. You earn applause and are the toast of all.

**Virgo:** You involve yourself in things spiritual, studying the scriptures and in meditation. Finances continue to occupy your attention but Ganesha advises you to stay alert in all money matters. This is the right time for parking your money in safe and stable investments.

**Libra:** You are on a high as you involve the 3 Cs — communication, contacts and correspondence — to take your career/business up the next rung of success. Your inter-personal skills attract just dividends. Ganesha advises caution in money matters and love affairs.

**Scorpio:** Money matters continue to demand attention. But along with that, friends/extended family demand your attention and you do not hold back. You overextend yourself to bring harmony in your relationships, and the results are spectacular. Ganesha blesses you with happy bonding.

**Sagittarius:** You have an inherent edge in communicating with people and so any relationship issues can be sorted out by talking. Friends are the source of fun and frolic and you will enjoy partying virtually all period. You manage to give equal time to both your career and your children.

**Capricorn:** The Moon gives you significant gains especially in relationships. The trend of the past period continues and you put in dedicated efforts in all your projects. The focus has shifted from work to home. Tact and diplomacy are required to tackle awkward issues and to resolve them.

**Aquarius:** This period there will be many new projects. A personal situation/work issue could put you in a dilemma but you manage to come through with some deft manoeuvring. There is a good chance to meet up with extended family and friends in family, get-togethers.

**Pisces:** Prestige, promotions and pelf are the results of your hard work and dedication and you deserve it. As your self-confidence, soars you manage to, thankfully, retain your helpful and gracious attitude with all irrespective of their status.

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# Russia expels 23 British diplomats, shuts consulate

## Ex-Spy Poisoning: UK PM May Warns Of New Retaliatory Steps

Moscow: Russia expelled 23 British diplomats on Saturday in a carefully calibrated retaliatory move against London, which has accused the Kremlin of orchestrating a nerve toxin attack on a former Russian double agent and his daughter in southern England.

Escalating a crisis in relations, Russia said it was also shutting down the activities of the British Council, which fosters cultural links between the two countries, and Britain's consulate-general in St Petersburg. The Russian foreign ministry said it was giving the 23 British diplomats one week to leave the country.

The move, which was tougher than expected, followed Britain's decision on Wednesday to expel 23 Russian diplomats over the attack in the English city of Salisbury which left former Russian spy Sergei Skripal, 66, and his daughter Yulia Skripal, 33, critically ill in hospital.

Moscow announced the measures on the eve of a presidential election which incumbent Vladimir Putin should comfortably win. Putin has cast his country as a fortress besieged by hostile Western powers with him as its defender, and state media is likely to portray the anti-British move in that context.

The foreign ministry said Moscow's measures were a response to what it called Britain's "provocative actions and groundless accusations". It warned London it stood ready to take further measures



The Russian foreign ministry summoned the British ambassador Laurie Bristow (above) to a meeting on Saturday in central Moscow during which he was informed of the retaliatory measures

in the event of more "unfriendly steps". Relations between London and Moscow have crashed to a post-Cold War low over the Salisbury attack, the first known offensive use of a nerve agent in Europe since World War II.

British PM Theresa May said Britain would consider its next steps alongside its allies in the coming days. "We will never tolerate a threat to the life of British citizens and others on British soil from the Russian Government. We can be reassured by the strong support we have received from our friends and allies around the world," May said at the Conservative Party's spring forum in London.

The Russian foreign ministry summoned UK ambassa-

dor, Laurie Bristow, to a meeting on Saturday in central Moscow at its Stalin-era headquarters during which he was informed of the retaliatory measures. Bristow told reporters afterwards that Britain had only expelled the Russian diplomats after Moscow had failed to explain how the nerve toxin had got to Salisbury.

Britain's foreign ministry said it had anticipated Russia's response and its priority now looking after its staff in Russia and assisting those that will return home. "Russia's response doesn't change the facts of the matter - the attempted assassination of two people on British soil, for which there is no alternative conclusion other than that the Russian State was culpab-

le," it said in a statement.

Russia's response was more robust than expected. The closure of the British Council's Moscow office will sever cultural ties, while that of the consulate-general in St Petersburg will end Britain's diplomatic presence in Russia's second city. Russian news agencies cited politicians in Russia's upper house of parliament as welcoming the move to close the British Council, alleging it had been used as a cover by British spies.

The British Council said it was profoundly disappointed by Russia's decision and remained committed to developing long-term people-to-people links with Russia despite the closure. Russia has complained that Britain has failed to provide any evidence of its involvement in the Salisbury attack and has said it is shocked and bemused by the allegations.

Britain has escalated a war of words with Russia over the incident in recent days. On Friday, British foreign secretary Boris Johnson said it was overwhelmingly likely that Russian President Vladimir Putin himself had made the decision to use a military-grade nerve toxin to strike down Skripal. Britain, the US, Germany and France have jointly called on Russia to explain the attack. Russia has said it is open to cooperation with Britain, but has refused Britain's demands to explain how Novichok, a nerve agent developed by the Soviet military, was used against the Skripals. REUTERS

# Consultants for Trump misused Facebook data of millions: Report

## It Is The Largest Data Breach For Social Media Co

Data analytics firm Cambridge Analytica harvested private information from more than 50 million Facebook users in developing techniques to support President Donald Trump's 2016 election campaign, the New York Times and London's Observer reported on Saturday. The newspapers, which cited former Cambridge Analytica employees, associates and documents, said the data breach was one of the largest in the history of Facebook Inc.

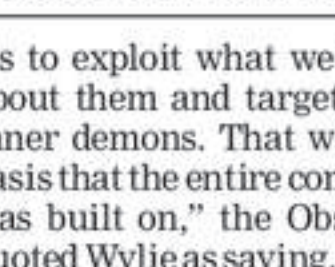
Facebook on Friday said it was suspending Cambridge Analytica after finding data privacy policies had been violated. The Observer said Cambridge Analytica used the data, taken without authorisation in early 2014, to build a software programme to predict and influence choices at the ballot box.

The paper quoted Cambridge Analytica whistleblower Christopher Wylie, who worked with an academic at Cambridge University to obtain the data, as saying the system could profile individual voters to target them with personalised political advertisements.

The more than 50 million profiles represented around a third of active North American Facebook users, and nearly a quarter of potential US voters, at the time, the paper said. "We exploited Facebook to harvest millions of people's profiles. And built mod-

## Porn star faces \$20m in damages

Donald Trump's lawyer claims porn actress Stormy Daniels is liable for at least \$20 million for violating a non-disclosure agreement she says prevents her from discussing an affair with the president, according to a Friday court filing. A lawyer for Michael Cohen's Essential Consultants limited liability company - which paid Daniels \$130,000 under the agreement - made the filing, which said that Daniels violated the deal "at least" 20 times. "The Settlement Agreement provides for liquidated damages of one million dollars per instance of breach," the court filing says. AFP



Stormy Daniels

els to exploit what we knew about them and target their inner demons. That was the basis that the entire company was built on," the Observer quoted Wylie as saying.

The New York Times said interviews with a half-dozen former Cambridge Analytica employees and contractors, and a review of the firm's emails and documents, revealed it not only relied on the private Facebook data but still possesses most or all of it. The Observer said data was collected through an app called thisyourdigital life, built by academic Aleksandr Kogan, separately from his work at Cambridge University.

Through Kogan's company Global Science Research (GSR), in collaboration with Cambridge Analytica, hundreds of thousands of users were paid to take a personality test and agreed to have their data collected for academic use, the Observer said. However, the app also collected the information of the test-takers' Facebook friends, leading to the accumulation of a data

pool tens of millions-strong, the paper said. It said Facebook's "platform policy" allowed only collection of friends data to improve user experience in the app and barred it from being sold on or used for advertising.

Facebook said in a statement on Friday it had suspended Cambridge Analytica and its parent group Strategic Communication Laboratories after receiving reports they did not delete information about Facebook users that had been inappropriately shared.

Strategic Communication Laboratories and the Trump campaign were not immediately available for comment. Facebook did not mention the Trump campaign or any other campaigns in its statement, which was attributed to the social network's deputy general counsel, Paul Grewal. "We will take legal action if necessary to hold them responsible and accountable for any unlawful behaviour," Facebook said, adding that it was continuing to investigate the claims. REUTERS

## FBI's former No. 2 fired, prez says 'great day'

Washington: In what President Donald Trump called "a great day for Democracy", attorney general Jeff Sessions fired Andrew McCabe, a former FBI deputy director

long scorned by Trump, two days before McCabe's scheduled retirement date, acting on the recommendation of bureau disciplinary officials.

McCabe suggested the move was part of the Trump administration's "war on the FBI". Trump tweeted in praise of Sessions' announcement on Saturday, asserting without elaboration that McCabe "knew all about the lies and corruption going on at the highest levels off the FBI!"

An upcoming inspector general's report is expected to conclude that McCabe authorised the release of information to the media and was not forthcoming with the watchdog office as it examined the bureau's handling of the Hillary Clinton email investigation.

"It is part of this administration's ongoing war on the FBI and the efforts of the special counsel investigation, which continue to this day," McCabe said, referring to Robert Mueller's probe into potential coordination between Russia and the Trump campaign. AP



With Xi Jinping and Wang Qishan (left) at the helm, China might take a more tougher approach in its relations with the US and other countries like India

# Xi reappointed prez with no term limit, gets new veep

Saibal Dasgupta | TNN

Beijing: China's parliament on Saturday unanimously approved the reappointment of Xi Jinping as president with no limit on the number of terms he can serve. The National People's Congress also appointed close Xi ally Wang Qishan to the formerly ceremonial post of vice president.

All 2,970 members of the Parliament in attendance approved Xi's reappointment, while Wang received just one vote against. Wang, known to be Xi's most trusted adviser, is likely to marginalise the influence of premier Li Keqiang who runs the day-to-day affairs of the state administration.

With Xi and Wang at the helm, China might take a more tougher approach in its relations with the US and other countries like India. Wang is likely to be given the charge of dealing with the Trump administration which has adopted an aggressive stance against imports of Chinese goods resulting in a situation that might

precipitate a trade war. Wang's return to the centre of power comes after he retired from his position as head of the Central Commission of Discipline Inspection, the anti-graft watchdog, last October. The Commission punished a record 1.34 million officials, big and small, in five years when Wang headed it. Xi, who leads the ruling 90 million-member Communist Party, was also reappointed as head of the government commission that commands the military. He is already head of an identical party body overseeing the two million-member force. (With inputs from agencies)

## Mallya case: UK judge to decide if emails can be used as proof

Naomi Cantor | TNN

London: An argument on whether Vijay Mallya's emails to his lawyers could be used as evidence is now at the centre stage of the liquor baron's ongoing extradition trial.

Mallya's defence counsel, Clare Montgomery, argued at Westminster Magistrates' Court on Friday that the emails should remain "privileged" as they were being used by his lawyers to get advice on the ongoing litigation. Mark Summers, representing the Government of India, said the emails were evidence of his fraudulent plans to avoid his liabilities to Indian banks and so should be exempt from "legal professional privilege".

Referring to two emails from Mallya to his secretary, Summers said they exposed how he dishonestly avoided enforcement of personal and corporate guarantees he had made on the money he had borrowed from a consortium of banks in India. He said the emails proved Mallya's defence, that the guarantees he gave for his 'master debt recast agreement' were given "under duress", was false.

The Government of India case states that Mallya made misrepresentations to secure loans from a consortium of banks, misused the money and then avoided meeting his obligations on those loans. "The duress story was a fraud and the tenancy on the Kingfisher Villa was also a concoction, all designed to keep the consortium of banks away from the loan proceeds and their right to them," Summers said addressing Chief Magistrate Emma Arbuthnot. "These emails show that these actions were the defendant's brainchild and that it was his purpose in furtherance of fraud and they are also additional evidence of dishonesty in the misrepresentations he made to secure the loans and his misuse of the funds," he added. The next hearing will take place on April 27.

## RUSSIA VOTES TODAY TO GIVE PUTIN ANOTHER TERM AS PRESIDENT

In Russia's no-surprises election, the only news could well be that Vladimir Putin - set to cruise to his fourth term as president - may see his vote share reduce. Here, a look at the seven candidates keeping Putin company in the presidential election on March 18, the only leading opposition figure declared ineligible to contest



Putin has all but declared victory based on...

**70%** Predicted vote share for incumbent Putin by state-run opinion polls  
**70%** Turnout and vote share targets for the Putin administration

But independent pollsters report voter apathy & a more modest win...

**53%** Predicted vote share for Putin, from 64% in 2012, by Levada Center that Moscow designated a 'foreign agent' in 2016

**24%** Russians who will 'definitely vote'  
**10.6%** Russians uncertain who to vote for

**109 million** Registered voters  
**563,000** voters Removed from registries as duplicate entries since 2017

Most of the 7 challenging Putin are considered govt puppets...

**Pavel Grudinin, 57**  
Capitalist communist candidate known as the 'strawberry king' after he successfully privatised a strawberry farm. Expected to win 8% votes

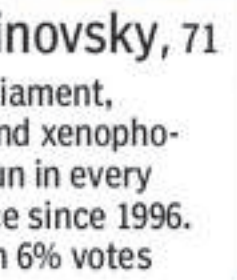


**Ksenia Sobchak, 36**  
Liberal with Western-friendly views, the reality TV star's father was Putin's mentor. Expected to win 1.6% of the vote



**A crowded candidate field was slashed by Russia's election body**  
**36** Prospective candidates, including 10 women  
**30** Candidates denied by Central Election Commission including...

**Vladimir Zhirinovskiy, 71**  
Putin's ally in parliament, known for racist and xenophobic remarks, has run in every presidential race since 1996. Expected to win 6% votes



**Grigory Yavlinsky, 65, economist | Boris Titov, 57, businessman | Sergei Baburin, 59, lawmaker | Maxim Suraiakin, 39, engineer |** Each expected to win about 1% votes



Alexei Navalny, 41  
Main opposition nominee, critic of Putin was barred from contesting over an embezzlement conviction. Known for exposing government graft

Sources: OSCE, CNN, BBC, Guardian

## Baby Donald Trump causes a stir in Af

Kabul: Donald Trump flops over his baby walker and rolls it around his family's home in Kabul, unaware of the turmoil his "infidel" name is causing in the conservative Muslim country. The toddler's parents named him after the billionaire US President in the hope of replicating his success. But now he is at the centre of a social media firestorm in Afghanistan after a photo of his ID papers was posted on Facebook.

A self-confessed fan of the American tycoon turned lea-



Afghan toddler named Trump

der of the free world, Sayed Asadullah Pooya said he and his wife have been inundated with "vulgar and insulting" comments attacking their choice of name for their third child. Some Facebook users have go-

ne as far as threatening to kill Sayed for giving his son an "infidel name", while others have accused him of endangering the boy's life. There are even suggestions Sayed is using the moniker to wangle asylum in the US - a charge the 28-year-old teacher denies. He says the controversy forced him to close his Facebook account.

Donald was born in the central province of Daikundi, a few months before the 2016 US presidential election. Sayed was inspired to call his son Donald Trump after reading

the Persian language versions of the businessman's books, including 'How to get rich', which he borrowed from the library. "I did a lot of research about him and that motivated me to choose his name for my son," he explained. He hopes his son will "be as successful".

While Sayed is worried about his family's safety, he remains stubbornly unrepentant. "It's likely... that he will be harassed or beaten by his classmates," he said. "I won't reconsider (his name). To hell with the other people." AFP

## FB has secret police led by PIO to catch leakers: Report

Los Angeles: Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg has reportedly deployed "secret police" led by Indian-American Sonya Ahuja to catch and punish those leaking information about the social media giant in press, a media report has said.

Zuckerberg hosts weekly meetings where he shares details of unreleased new products and strategies in front of thousands of employees. The Guardian reported. During one of his weekly meetings in 2015, he warned employees: "We're go-

ing to find the leaker." A week later, Zuckerberg revealed the culprit who was then fired.

The report, citing an unnamed former employee, said that he was called into a meeting last year under the guise of a promotion where the investigative team interrogated him. "You get on their bad side and all of a sudden you are face to face with the secret police." An FB spokeswoman said: "Companies routinely use business records in workplace investigations, and we are no exception." PTI

## AROUND THE WORLD

### Engineer flagged crack in US bridge 2 days before collapse

An engineer left a voicemail two days before a deadly bridge failure in Miami to say some cracking had been found at one end of the concrete span, but the voicemail wasn't picked up until after the collapse, Florida department of transportation officials said on Friday. The voicemail left on a landline wasn't heard by a state DOT employee until Friday because the employee was out of the office on an assignment, the agency said. The bridge collapsed on Thursday, killing at least six people.



French President Emmanuel Macron greets German Chancellor Angela Merkel upon her arrival at the Elysee presidential Palace in Paris

### 'Snake whisperer' dies after cobra bite in Malaysia

A Malaysian firefighter dubbed the "snake whisperer" has died four days after he was bitten by a wild cobra while responding to a call to catch the reptile, an official said on Saturday. The spitting cobra bit Abu Zarin Hussin on Monday in the state of Pahang. He had gained celebrity status in Malaysia for his ability to closely handle deadly snakes and was pictured many times kissing king cobra on the mouth.

### 'Clean freak' Gorilla takes stand against dirty hands

A male gorilla at the Phila-

### French hospital under stress from migrants

Protests over illegal immigration gripping the French island

delphia Zoo is taking a stand against dirty hands by opting to walk on two legs. Apparently, 18-year-old Louis is a clean freak. When Louis has his hands full of tomatoes or other snacks, he walks upright like a human to keep food and hands clean, rather than the typical gorilla stance of leaning forward on his knuckles.

of Mayotte off Africa's coast have an unexpected epicentre: a maternity ward. The hospital in Mayotte is now home to the busiest maternity ward in France - mostly serving migrant mothers. So great is the influx of mothers from the neighbouring Comoros islands that the government is considering the drastic step of declaring the hospital as non-French territory. Some 9,600 babies were delivered in the hospital last year, a record for any hospital in France.

## CHINA HAS WEIRD NAMES FOR WESTERN CELEBS

Chinese is expressed using idiomatic characters rather than an alphabet, making it difficult to use the language to transliterate foreign names, and opening the door for creative and bizarre titles for stars

<b>Timothee Chalamet</b> 'Tian Cha' or 'Sweet Tea' for his heartthrob looks	<b>Katy Perry</b> 'Shui Guo Jie' or 'Fruit Sister' because of fruit-coloured costumes she performs in	<b>Jennifer Lawrence</b> 'Da Biaojie' or 'Big Cousin'	<b>Benedict Cumberbatch</b> 'Juan Fu' or 'Curly blessing' for sporting a curly top in the 'Sherlock Holmes'	<b>Nicki Minaj</b> 'Ma La Ji' or 'Little Spicy Chicken'	<b>Jennifer Lopez</b> 'Luo Ba' or 'Lord of Butt' for her well-known posterior	<b>Tom Hardy</b> 'Tang Lao Shi' or 'Lao Shi' means 'always wet' for his slicked-back hair
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## GALLERY



**GEARING UP:** Bangladesh skipper Shakib Al Hasan during a practice session on Saturday

## Looking to embrace the pressure, says Karthik

Dinesh Karthik is aware that non-performance may result in him going off the radar but the wicket-keeper batsman says he would rather "embrace" the pressure rather than run away from it. Karthik has been around Indian cricket for long but has failed to cement his place in the side. He has always been the man to fall back upon when established stars are rested.

"From where I sit, every tournament is important. One bad tournament and I will be way out. So, in every tournament I need to be at the top of my game and try to do as well as I can," Karthik said on the eve of the Twenty20 Tri-Series final against Bangladesh.

**Rabada appeal hearing set for March 19:** South Africa fast bowler Kagiso Rabada will have his appeal against a two-match suspension on Monday as he seeks to play in the rest of the Test series against Australia. Rabada was found guilty of "inappropriate and deliberate physical contact with a player" after leaning his shoulder into Steve Smith in the first innings of South Africa's six-wicket win in the second Test.

## ACTION TODAY

**BADMINTON:** All England Open, 5.30 pm (Live on Star Sports 2, HD2)  
**CRICKET:** Nidahas Trophy Final, India vs Bangladesh, 7 pm (Live on DSPORT) Women's Cricket, India vs Australia, 3rd ODI, 9 am (Live on Star Sports 1, HD1); ICC World Cup Qualifiers, Ireland vs Scotland, 5 pm (Live on Star Sports Select 2, HD); Irani Cup, Rest of India vs Vidarbha, 9 am (Live on Star Sports 2, HD2)  
**FOOTBALL:** La Liga, Barcelona vs Bilbao 8.45 pm, Villarreal vs Atletico Madrid 11 pm, Real Madrid vs Girona 11.5 am Monday (Live on SONY TEN 2, HD); FA Cup Quarterfinals, Wigan vs Southampton 7 pm, Leicester vs Chelsea 10 pm (Live on SONY TEN 1); Serie A, Napoli vs Genoa, 11.5 am Monday (Live on SONY TEN 1, HD)  
**TENNIS:** Indian Wells Finals, 1.30 am Monday (Live on SONY ESPN, HD)

# FINAL TASK: TAME ANGRY TIGER

## Tri-Series: Team India Takes On Bangladesh Today

**Colombo:** A bitter yet intense rivalry is expected to produce a cracker of a contest when a confident India take on a fiery Bangladesh in the final of the Nidahas Twenty20 tri-series on Sunday.

While the second-string Indian team recorded a hat-trick of comfortable wins after their opening loss to Sri Lanka, Bangladesh reached the summit clash with a couple of dramatic wins over the hosts. They beat Sri Lanka on Saturday in a tense encounter, with Mahmudullah Riyadh rising to the occasion with a last-ball six to give the "Tigers" immense confidence coming into the final.

However, an angry Shakib Al Hasan's attempt to call the team off the ground and allegedly damaging of the dressing room by Bangladeshi players is a testimony that they still have some way to go as far as composure is concerned. Unlike India's rivalry with Pakistan and Australia, there isn't any significant cricketing history attached to India-Bangladesh matches.

Since their 2015 World Cup quarterfinal defeat in Melbourne, where they felt a few umpiring decisions went against them, the tiny nation of cricket fanatics considers India to be their biggest on-field rivals. Ironically, then too it was a case of Rohit Sharma being caught off a waist high full toss, which was adjudged a no-ball by the umpire. The Bangladesh team and fans have not moved on since then.

In terms of talent, the Indian team is a cut above their Bangladeshi counterparts. Man to man, the opening pair of Rohit and Shikhar Dhawan have scored runs across the globe even though Tamim Iqbal and Litton Das are good on their day. Not one among the 22 players have more experience compared to Suresh Raina in the shortest format. Dinesh Karthik and Mushfiqur Rahim are on even keel as far batting is concerned although the Tamil Nadu glovesman has shown composure more often in pressure-cooker scenarios.

The only worry for India will be the second specialist seamer. Both Jaydev Unadkat and Mohammed Siraj have proved to be expensive. **PH**

**7** India have won all seven T20Is played against Bangladesh between June 6, 2009 and March 14, 2018, enjoying a 100% record.

**89** A match-winning knock played by Rohit Sharma off 61 balls in Colombo (RPS) on March 14, 2018 — the highest individual innings involving India and Bangladesh in T20Is.



**EYE, BALL:** Jaydev Unadkat takes part in a practice session at the R. Premadasa Stadium in Colombo on Saturday

## Players have a larger obligation to the game

**Mahela Jayawardene**

The elimination of hosts Sri Lanka has obviously caused a lot of disappointment. Since their opening win against an under-strength India, hopes had been high about them playing the final.

However, sadly, the truth is that Sri Lanka don't deserve to be in the final after three straight defeats. India have been extremely impressive after their wobbly start and Bangladesh have battled hard and shown their experience at critical times.

The virtual semifinal on Friday was marred by ugly scenes at the end, but that should not deviate attention from the classy finishing of Mahmudullah. His cool-headed 43 from 18 balls was a brilliant effort.

The final-over fracas should certainly have been handled better. From a neutral perspective, it was definitely a no-ball and the umpires made a mistake. They then made matters worse by not taking charge of the situation and diffusing the tension with effective communication.

That said, the reactions of

the players, including the threats by Bangladesh to leave the field of play, are not the kind of thing you want young cricket fans to see. Emotions were understandably running high, but players have a larger responsibility to the game.

The heated arguments at the end aside, the game was a classic T20 contest with Sri Lanka collapsing dramatically and then clawing their way back with great knocks from Kusal Perera and Thisara Perera. Bangladesh were still in control until a shaky finale but Tamim, Mushfiqur and Mahmudullah all showed their experience.

I think it all makes for a really exciting final Sunday night because Bangladesh have nothing to lose and everything to gain against India.

They can enjoy being the underdogs after two round-robin stage defeats and attack India without the pressure of expectation. India may be missing some of their top senior players, but they have already shown that they have great depth of talent right now in all departments.

## Shakib, Nurul fined after Friday fracas

**Colombo:** Bangladesh captain Shakib Al Hasan and reserve player Nurul Hasan have been fined 25% of their match fee and handed one demerit point each for code of conduct breaches during Friday's ill-tempered tie against Sri Lanka.

Ugly scenes unfolded during the closing stages when play was halted as the tourists remonstrated about two shoulder-high balls at the start of an eventful final over from Isuru Udana. Shakib was seen gesturing to the batsmen to come off the field after the second batter was not called a no-ball. Nurul, who had entered the playing area carrying a team message, was seen pointing at Lanka captain Thisara Perera. Shakib was found guilty of "conduct that is contrary to the spirit of the game", while Nurul displayed "conduct that brings the game into disrepute", the ICC said.

**I wasn't calling them back. I was telling them to play. You can describe it both ways. It depends on how you see it. Many things happened that shouldn't have happened. I need to remain calm. I was overjoyed. Excitement was there. I must know how to react next time. I will be careful."**

**— Shakib Al Hasan**  
BANGLADESH CAPTAIN

## Dressing-room damage

Bangladesh players were later accused of unruly celebrations after a glass door was found broken in their dressing room. Bangladesh team management did not respond to the allegations but it is understood that they have offered to pay for the damages. **PH**

## Gurbani gives Vidarbha the upper hand again

### Pacer's 4 Wkts Reduce ROI To 236/6 After Vidarbha Pile on 800/7

**TIMES NEWS NETWORK**

**Nagpur:** For three-and-a-half days, K Bharat stood behind the wickets and watched Vidarbha batters merrily knock off 800 runs on a placid Jamtha track. In the 72 overs bowled by Rest of India's pace duo, Bharat saw balls repeatedly taking off straight as an arrow off the pitch.

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However, when he came out to bat on Saturday with his team in a tight spot, Bharat — who has a triple century to his name — saw the second ball he faced swing in late and hit the top of off-stump.

The Andhra batsman, trusting the dead pitch, had decided to play safe and let it go, paying the ultimate price.

What Bharat hadn't factored in was the bowler's ability to come up with special deliveries. Bharat stared at the pitch as the bowler, Rajneesh Gurbani, pumped the air in



**CUTTING EDGE:** Vidarbha seamer Rajneesh Gurbani celebrates the dismissal of KS Bharat on Saturday

en-wicket match haul against Kerala, the pacer has emerged as the wrecker-in-chief for Vidarbha. Saturday was no different as Gurbani, in an inspired spell, all but shut the door on Rest of India on Day 4 of the Irani Trophy.

Just two balls before Bharat's dismissal, the lanky pacer had snapped up big fish Karun Nair. The ball had pitched in the corridor of uncertainty. ROI skipper Nair just pushed at it and edged to wicketkeeper Akshay Wadkar.

In the last ball of his next over, Gurbani induced an edge off Ashwin's bat. The ball swung out just a bit and skipper Faiz took a neat low catch in the slip cordon as ROI slid to 98/6 in just 28 overs.

ROI would have been in even more trouble had Hanuma Vihari not got a lucky reprieve from the umpire. ROI's score was on 112 and Vihari, going for a hook off a Umesh Yadav bouncer, gloved the ball to wicketkeeper Wadkar. But umpire Anil Choudhary neither heard the nick nor saw the deflection.

Vihari, in the company of Jayant Yadav, did the rescue job for ROI. After the reprieve, Vihari played a responsible knock of 81 (171b;10x4) and added 138 runs for seventh wicket with Jayant Yadav (62;147b;9x4). The two remained unbeaten till stumps as ROI finished Day 4 on 236/6 in 77 overs.

One of the factors behind Vidarbha's success in the longer format this season has been the new-ball bowlers' ability to strike early. They have allowed rival openers to put up a 50-plus stand just once in the last 18 innings, irrespective of the tracks on offer during the Ranji season.

It was the same on Saturday. Before his three-wicket burst, the pacer had rocked ROI by removing opener Samarth in just the second over of their innings. At the other end, Umesh Yadav continued with his dominance over Mayank Agarwal. The Karnataka batsman edged a Umesh delivery to Sanjay Ramaswamy at slip as ROI slipped to 21/2. Agarwal, who has been in tremendous form this season, has been dismissed cheaply by Umesh thrice in as many innings.

**Brief scores: Vidarbha 800/7 decl (W Jaffer 286, A Wankhade 157; S Kaul 2/91). Rest of India 236/6 (H Vihari batting 81, J Yadav batting 62; Rajneesh Gurbani 4/46)**

## Hyderabad, Rajkot in fray for first-ever D/N Test in India

### Chennai To Host One T20 Against WI

**New Delhi:** Either Hyderabad or Rajkot may host India's maiden day-night Test match when the West Indies will arrive for a tour later this year.

The BCCI on Saturday finalized the Indian team's home series itinerary and picked the two centres for hosting Test matches during the West Indies tour.

"If the Committee of Administrators (CoA) gives its approval, one of the two centres will host the Test under floodlights," a BCCI source told PTI. The CoA was unhappy that acting secretary Amitabh Choudhary had explored and discussed the possibility of playing a day-night Test with Ravi Shastri even as the head coach was not averse to the idea. According to India's home series itinerary, the In-

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dian team will play only three Test matches at home — the historic first against Afghanistan in June along with two more against West Indies in October after Diwali.

Apart from that, India will also host the Caribbean side for five ODIs in Mumbai, Guwahati, Kochi, Indore and Pune in early November.

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CAB president Sourav

Ganguly was a special invitee (as technical committee chairman) at the Tours and Fixtures Committee meeting on Saturday. Apart from Ganguly, acting secretary Amitabh Choudhary, GM (Cricket Operations) Saba Karim and Rajan Tiwari were present. CEO Rahul Johri is in Dubai for a strategic group meeting of ICC while acting president CK Khanna didn't attend due to personal reasons.

India will leave for Australia after the Twenty20 series for a two-month long tour.

They will again host Australia for five ODIs and two T20 Internationals in February-March. The five ODIs will be held in Mohali (February 24), Hyderabad (February 27), Nagpur (March 2), Delhi (March 5) and Ranchi (March 8). The two T20 Internationals will be held in Bengaluru (March 10) and Visakhapatnam (March 13). **PH**

## Cops and BCCI teams visit UP

**TIMES NEWS NETWORK**

**Kolkata:** Exactly nine days after pacer **Mohammad Shami's** wife Hasin Jahan filed a formal complaint against the cricketer, a Kolkata Police team reached the ancestral residence of Shami in Amroha in UP. Though they could not meet anyone in the house as his family has shifted out, the cops took stock of the place where Shami's brother had allegedly tried to molest and rape Jahan.

The pacer is now reportedly in Delhi, where he was questioned by BCCI's anti-corruption unit last Thursday.

It was a very active day for the agencies investigating charges against Shami. A four-member Economic Offences Wing (EOW) team from the BCCI also came to Kolkata to probe the match fixing charges against him. The team went to Lalbazar, where they recorded the statement of Jahan. Earlier through her lawyer, Jahan had

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emailed some important "evidences" that she claimed to have collected from her husband.

Sources said the four-member team was especially interested in unravelling the alleged money trail that has its origin in Dubai. "More than any other specific part of the complaint lodged by Jahan, the BCCI is worried about a purported conversation between Jahan and Shami where the latter reportedly said he was in Dubai to 'hand over some money'," said

the source. Shami has denied the allegations till now. The BCCI team has also sought police help in accessing crucial evidence, sources told TOI.

The detective department has also spoken and recorded the statements of Jahan's father and her two daughters from her first marriage. Police sources said they were approaching the Dubai hotel to secure the footage of the hotel when Shami had reportedly stayed between February 17 and February 19. "This is to primarily ascertain if someone else — especially a woman — can be spotted with the cricketer," said an officer. Jahan will record her magisterial statement on Monday. With Shami hinting that he was no more looking at an out of court settlement, the police said they are planning to record his statement.

## Pride at stake for India eves

**Vadodara:** The series already lost, India women would look to salvage some pride when they take on mighty Australia in the third and final game of the series, a part of the ICC Women ODI Championship, here on Sunday.

## 3RD ODI VS AUSTRALIA

It has been a disastrous series for Indian women so far as they are yet to taste a victory in four matches, including the two practice games preceding the three-game ODI series.

It has been a dominating performance from Australia, who had lost to India in the World Cup semifinals. Australia women won the first ODI by eight wickets and sealed the series with 60-run victory in the second match. **AGENCIES**

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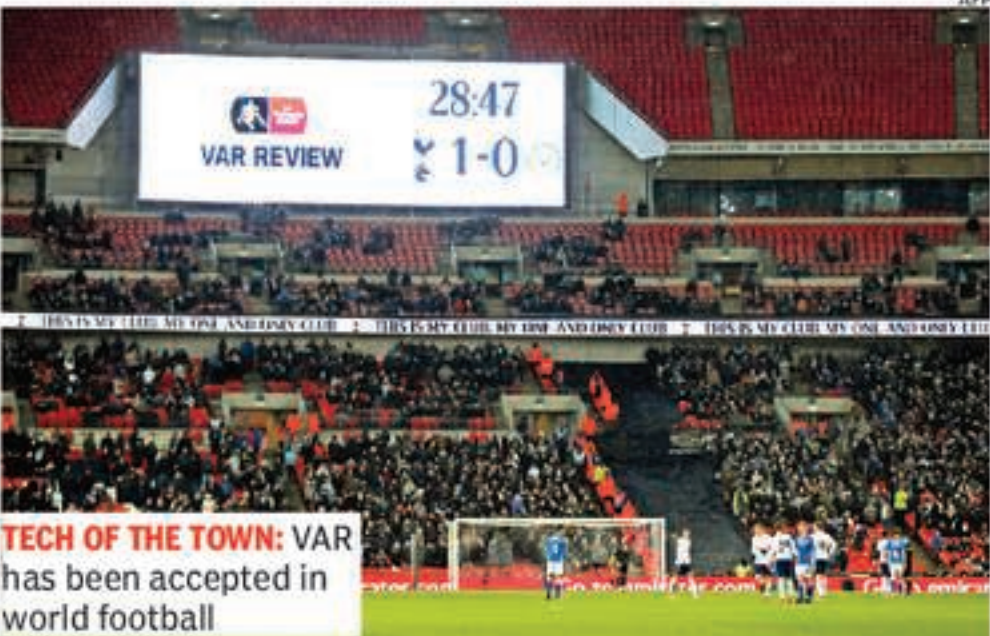


# VAR SET FOR WC DEBUT IN RUSSIA

## FIFA Gives Green Light To Technology Despite Facing Severe Opposition

**Bogota:** Video assistant referee technology (VAR) will make its debut at the World Cup in Russia this summer despite lingering opposition from within and outside football, FIFA president Gianni Infantino said. "We are going to have in 2018, for the first time, a World Cup with VAR," said Infantino yesterday after a meeting of the Fifa Council which, as expected, rubber-stamped the go-ahead given by the rule-making Inter-

national Football Association Board (IFAB) in Zurich two weeks ago. "This has been approved and we are really very happy with this decision." The World Cup, which takes place from June 14-July 15, will see VAR used to judge whether or not a goal has been scored, analyse whether a penalty should be awarded, decide on red cards and rectify if a player has been mistakenly sanctioned. "What we want is to help and to give the referee the possibility to have extra help when he has to make important decisions, and in a World Cup we make very important decisions," said Infantino.



**TECH OF THE TOWN:** VAR has been accepted in world football

"It cannot be possible that in 2018 everybody, in the stadium or at home, knows in a few seconds if the referee has made a mistake... The VAR is helping the referee and we are going to have a more transparent and fairer game, and that's what we

want," Infantino added. VAR has been trialled since 2016 by 20 federations, including German Bundesliga and Italian Serie A, with around 1,000 matches involved. But it has not been universally welcomed with even Uefa, the European governing body, still to be convinced. "Nobody knows exactly how VAR will work. There is already a lot of confusion," said Uefa president Aleksander Ceferin, who insists that VAR will not be used in next season's Champions League. I am not at all against it but we must better explain when it will be used. We will see at the World Cup." One of the problems that

dogs VAR, say its critics, is not the accuracy of its decisions but the time it takes to arrive at them. It's a drawback which has left many fans and purists frustrated that the flow of a game is interrupted. "The intervention of VAR takes one minute on average in each game. If we lose a minute to correct mistakes, I think we have done something good," said Infantino earlier this week on a visit to Lima. However, Colombia coach Luis Fernando Suarez opined differently: "It seems hurried to me. I think we should do other trials in other tournaments, analyse them well, and then put it in place." REUTERS

# Pietersen calls time on playing career

**London:** Former England batsman Kevin Pietersen brought the curtain down on his playing career on Saturday in a series of messages on social media after deciding not to travel with Quetta Gladiators to Lahore for their Pakistan Super League (PSL) playoff. Pietersen, 37, who briefly captained England in 2008-09, spent the latter part of his career playing for a number of club teams across the world after controversially being told in 2014 that he was no longer in the national side's plans.



**Kevin Pietersen**

## BIDDING AIDEU

A hard-hitting batsman who often made playing unorthodox shots look easy, Pietersen was part of England's 2005 Ashes-winning side and helped them win the 2010 World T20 title. His international career ended in 2014 when the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) sacked him, saying that then captain Alastair Cook had to be able to trust and rely on the support of all his players. Pietersen played 104 Tests for England after making his debut against Australia at Lord's in 2005. He scored 8,181 runs at an average of 47.28 and struck 23 centuries and 35 fifties. The South Africa-born Pietersen also played 136 one-day internationals — scoring almost 4,500 runs with nine centuries and 25 fifties — as well as 37 Twenty20 internationals. It was in the shortest format that Pietersen delighted fans in India, playing for Delhi Daredevils and Royal Challengers Bangalore among others in the lucrative Indian Premier League. "Boots up! Feet up! Family, animals, golf...! H O M E," the swashbuckling batsman tweeted on Saturday, before following it up with another message to his 3.65 million followers. "Just been told that I scored 30,000+ runs which included 152 fifties & 68 hundreds in my professional career. Time to move on." In a video on Gladiators' Twitter feed, Pietersen said: "... it is with a very hardened heart, a very sorry heart, that I have to leave Dubai, going back to London now. I wish I could travel but unfortunately family's very important family decision, and I hope that you can respect my decision and my family's decision not to travel." The Gladiators tweeted: "You will be missed @KP24 Great career! Thank you for everything. Wish you could (have) stayed with us till PSL final but we respect your decision." Pietersen scored seven runs in his last match for the Gladiators against Islamabad United on Thursday. REUTERS

## BAN ON IRAQ HOSTING INT'L MATCHES LIFTED

**Bogota:** Fifa has lifted its three-decade ban on Iraq hosting international football, a move hailed by the country's sports authorities on Saturday as a boost for its most popular game. "We are allowing international matches to be staged in the cities of Arbil, Basra and Karbala," Fifa president Gianni Infantino said in Bogota. The three cities had been allowed to organise friendlies in the past year provided the security situation was "stable". Iraq will host Qatar and Syria for a friendly tournament starting on March 21 in Basra. Fifa said it could not "yet" agree to a request from the Iraqi authorities to organise matches in the capital Baghdad, but Infantino promised that the city's application would continue to be studied. AGENCIES



**COULD HAVE BEEN MORE:** Swansea's Kyle Bartley (21) blocks a shot from Tottenham's Fernando Llorente



## BARCA COACH WARY OF TREBLE PROPHECY

**Barcelona:** Ernesto Valverde dismissed the idea that he, as Pep Guardiola and Luis Enrique had done before, would win the league, Cup and Champions League treble in his first season at the helm. Valverde has revitalised the languishing Barcelona and revitalised their fortunes and the form of their star player Lionel Messi. But despite an eight-point advantage over Atletico Madrid, a cup final date with Sevilla in April and a draw with Roma in the Champions League quarters, Valverde says Barca a treble is a big ask. "I don't believe in prophecies," said the Basque whose Barca outfit host Atletico Bilbao Sunday. "We will give it everything," he said. "I'd have signed in my own blood if you'd offered me this position at the start of the season." AFP

## BUFFON BACK FOR SWANSONG

**Rome:** Italy legend Gianluigi Buffon has been called up by interim coach Luigi Di Biagio for friendlies against England and Argentina later this month. Buffon, 40, had called time on his international career after Italy failed to qualify for the World Cup in Russia, losing a two-legged play-off to Sweden to miss the tournament for the first time in 60 years. But the Juventus skipper had indicated that he was ready to make a comeback if Di Biagio needed him for the friendlies in England on March 23 and 27. AFP

# Eriksen stars in Tottenham win

**London:** Tottenham Hotspur made light of striker Harry Kane's injury absence as Christian Eriksen scored twice in a 3-0 victory at Swansea City in a one-sided FA Cup quarterfinal on Saturday. Danish midfielder Eriksen produced a classy performance, giving Spurs the lead with an exquisite 11th-minute opener and finishing off the hosts just past the hour. Erik Lamela was also on target for Tottenham who will now effectively have a 'home' semifinal at Wembley

Stadium, their temporary home this season while their new ground is built. Tottenham have reached back-to-back FA Cup semis for the first time since 1982, although they have lost all seven of those they have contested since they last won the Cup in 1991. Swansea, who had lost only once in their previous 14 games under new manager Carlos Carvalhal, were in the last eight for the first time in 54 years but offered precious little. Top scorer Kane faces sev-

eral weeks out after injuring his ankle in the Premier League win at Bournemouth last week but Spurs hardly missed the England man as they stroled to victory. They have now scored seven goals since he hobbled off early on the south coast last week. "We're in the semifinals, Wembley is waiting, we deserve it," Spurs manager Mauricio Pochettino, yet to mark his impressive work at the club with a trophy, said. "Of course when you score early it makes it easy

to control the game." Swansea were without cup-tied striker Andre Ayew and his brother Jordan who was suspended, but began brightly enough with Tammy Abraham having an early chance. But once they fell behind they appeared to have little appetite for the contest. Eriksen is lethal when given time and space and he had both in abundance as he advanced before curling a left-foot shot past the dive of Swedish keeper Kristoffer Nordfeldt. AFP

## JOVETIC STRIKES IN MONACO WIN

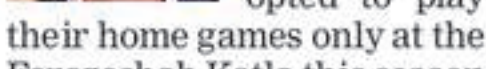
**Paris:** Stevan Jovetic came off the bench to give Monaco a comeback from behind 2-1 victory over struggling Lille on Friday, strengthening his side's position in the Ligue 1 top three. The reigning champions are 14 points adrift of leaders Paris Saint-Germain, but more importantly, 12 points clear of fourth-placed Lyon. Lille have been in disarray all season and 10 of their fans were taken into custody on Thursday after last week's pitch invasion by angry supporters at the Stade Pierre-Mauroy. AFP

# Ponting behind DD staying at Kotla

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**New Delhi:** Besides logistical challenges and escalating operational cost of playing 'home matches' at multiple venues, Delhi Daredevils opted to play their home games only at the Ferozeshah Kotla this season because their newly appointed coach **Ricky Ponting** said he wanted the team to play the home games at a single venue. Sources told TOI that efforts were being made by both the franchisee and IPL to play at least two home matches outside Delhi and had considered Lucknow as one of the options. However, Ponting categorically told the operations department of the Daredevils that Delhi's home should be at the Kotla only. "Kotla should be Delhi's den. Everyone should fear entering it. Delhi should be based out of one home centre," Ponting is said to have told the offi-

cials. This put an end to the efforts to look at Lucknow and Raipur as Daredevils' 'away home venues'. In the past, Delhi have played a few games in Raipur, but the franchise couldn't create a huge fan base in that city because the fans only supported the players rather than cheering for the city team.



Barring Kings XI Punjab, who are likely to play only three games at their home ground Mohali on April 15, 19 and 23 because of the shutting down of the Chandigarh airport from May 12 to 31, all teams want their base at home venue. It is also seen as a departure from BCCI's norm which mandates that a team has to play at least four matches at home venue. It is now emerging that Indore could get to host the last four IPL home games of the Kings XI and Pune could get the chance to stage the play-off games by the virtue of being the home base of one of the finalists last year.

# Ton-up Himmat stars for Vijay; Dhas picks 5

**TIMES NEWS NETWORK**

**Chennai:** Riding on **Himmat Singh's** unbeaten 125, Vijay CC posted 232/4 from 57 overs on a rain-curtailed opening day of their TNCA First Division Elite League clash against Globe Trotters at Guru Nank College ground on Saturday. G Rahul Singh (58) provided Himmat good company as the duo stitched together a 158-run partnership for the fourth wicket. For

Globe Trotters, Chetan Sakariya picked up 2/66. In another match, Nelson's W Antony Dhas (5/48) picked up his first five-wicket haul of the season as they bowled out India Pistons for 163. The only meaningful contributions for Pistons came from Ganapathi Chandrasekar and S Chandrasekar, who scored 37 and 26 respectively. Despite the low score, Pistons came back strongly into the contest, leaving Nelson reeling at the end of Day One at a precarious

20/5. Meanwhile, B Arun and NS Harish sparked for Grand Slam with four wickets each as they restricted Young Stars to 171/8 on Day One. R Rohit, who is unbeaten on 31, will hope to add a few more to their tally when play resumes on Sunday and lend some respectability to their first-innings score. In the Plate division, Varun Sood's 4/42 helped TI Cycles restrict Jolly Rovers to 207/9 in 60 overs. For Jolly Rovers, the Tamil Nadu duo of M Kaushik Gandhi and Ganga Sridhar Raju contributed 49 and 45 respectively.

**Summarised scores: Elite:** At Guru Nank: Vijay CC 232/4 in 57 overs (Himmat Singh 125 batting, G Rahul Singh 58; C Sakariya 2/66) vs Globe Trotters; ● At SSN: Young Stars 171/8 in 54.5 overs (R Rohit 31 batting; NS Harish 4/27, B Arun 4/68) vs Grand Slam; ● At CPT-IP: India Pistons 163 in 54.4 overs (G Chandrasekar 37; W Antony Dhas 5/48); Nelson 20/5 in 10 overs (M Prabhu 3/8). **Plate:** At IIT-Chemplast: Jolly Rovers 207/9 in 60 overs (M Kaushik Gandhi 49; V Sood 4/42) vs TI Cycles; ● At TI-Murugappa: Alwarpet CC vs UFFC; Play on Day One called off; ● At VB Nest: Crom-Best vs AG's Office; Play on Day One called off

## ANDHRA SHOOT OUT TN WOMEN U-23S FOR 32!

**Chennai:** Tamil Nadu women U-23s succumbed to a 10-wicket thrashing at the hands of Andhra in their BCCI women U-23 T20 South Zone league clash in Vijayawada on Saturday. Batting first, the TN women were bundled out for a paltry total of 32 with Andhra's K Anjali Sarvani and K Dhatri claiming three wickets apiece. In reply, Andhra cruised to 33/0 in just 6.4 overs to take home all four points. Just last month, the TN eves had suffered a similarly humiliating defeat against Karnataka in a one-day clash when they were bowled out for 38. **Brief scores:** TN women U-23s 32 in 18 overs (K Anjali Sarvani 3/7, K Dhatri 3/10). Andhra women U-23s 33/0 in 6.4 overs. **Andhra won by 10 wickets.** TNN

## BCCI postpones e-auction rights date to April 3

**TIMES NEWS NETWORK**

**Mumbai:** The BCCI has postponed the date for submission of bids for online auction of bilateral rights from March 27 to April 3. The decision came on Saturday as the Board decided to delay the process by a week to reorganize its workload. The Invitation To Tender (ITT) for India's bilateral media rights from April 2018 to March 2023 (5 years) was

## BOARD MOVE

floated on February 20. On April 3, bids will have to be submitted by 10 am while the e-auction will begin at 2 pm. The auction will be held for the following packages: A) Global Television Rights plus ROW Digital Rights Package; B) Indian Subcontinent Digital Rights Package; C) Global Consolidated Rights Package.

## Md Sp beat CFC 'B' 4-0

**Chennai:** Chennaiyin FC 'B' team suffered a 0-4 defeat at the hands of Mohammedan Sporting in a Second Division League fixture at the Barasat Stadium, Kolkata on Saturday. Chennaiyin engaged in build-up play in the first few minutes with Ajin Tom in thick of things but they didn't create chances. Mohammedan Sporting took control of game and brought some good saves out of CFC keeper Samik Mitra. TNN

## Want to change my riding style slightly

**Marc Marquez** will be the man to watch as he bids to defend his MotoGP world title when the green light is signalled at this week-end's season-opening Grand Prix, in Qatar. Marquez, 25, started riding in 2013 and last year became the youngest rider in history to win four MotoGP titles. Excerpts from an interview:

- **What are your priorities this season?** This year the goal is to fight for the title once again. 2017 was very good, but you always want to improve. I want to change a bit of my riding style in order to go fast and win races. The goal is to crash less without losing any speed. This year, I want to fix this because it's very dangerous. If you crash you can lose the race on Sunday. I want to change a bit my riding style in order to go fast and win races. My style also comes from the bike's characteristics.
- **Did you ever consider leaving for a rival team?** There were contacts [from other teams, but those con-

tacts didn't materialise in concrete offers. We never sat down at the table and talked about details. I'm happy with both the technical aspect of the new bike and with the professional aspect.- **Will you always ride for the same team?** I cannot say that I won't ever go to this or that team, but I always think about who gave me the opportunity to be here and who believed in me. I will follow my heart. It has to be the right place, I don't want to lose two or three years. I want a team where you can win all races. Happiness is more important than money, and anyway, you get paid here or there.
- **Formula 1 is possibly more about cars than drivers. Is it different in your sport?** Yes. In MotoGP, the riders continue to be the biggest difference. But there is always the motorcycle and you have to understand how far you can go with it. To discover it, I have to explore and experiment. Even though it may cause me to crash five times in a weekend, like in Barcelona, this is me and I will not change. PMG

## Oomph for Mumbai main event

**TIMES NEWS NETWORK**

**Chennai:** Vishal Gaikwad-trained Oomph is prepared well to clinch the Forbes Breeders' Juvenile Fillies' Championship (Grade-3), an attractive event of the races scheduled to be held in Mumbai on Sunday.

**Following are the selections:** 1) The PR Mehta Trophy (2400M), 3pm. (1) Jager Bomb (3) Sagittarius (2) Lady Be Good. 2) The JP Vazifdar Trophy (1200M), 3-30pm. (2) Summer Rays (1) Timeless (4) Rising Brave. 3) The J Rustonji Soparivala Trophy (2000M), 4pm. (4) Iron Age (5) Pablo (6) Strong Storm. 4)

## HORSE RACING

The Forbes Breeders' Juvenile Fillies' Championship (Grade-3), (1600M), 4-30pm. (4) Oomph (3) Marietta (2) Kora Jade. 5) The Racing World Trophy (1600M), 5pm. (1) Sumaaq (4) Tar Steel (6) Dragonmoss. 6) The Shapoorji Pallonji Breeders' Juvenile Colts' Championship (Grade-3), (1600M), 5-30pm. (6) Star Superior (8) Van Dyke (5) Spitfire. 7) The Pronto Pronto Plate (1200M), 6pm. (3) Tenerife (9) Wabi Sabi (11) Transform. **Day's Best:** Star Superior (6-6). **Good Double:** Summer Rays (2-2)-Iron Age (3-4). **Upsetters:** Yellowstone (5-5)-Ame (7-2). **Jackpot:** 3,4,5,6 & 7. **Mini Jackpot:** 4,5,6 & 7. **Treble:** 5,6 & 7. **Tanala:** All Races.

# Parkar star of T20 Mumbai league

**Ajit Agarkar**

If there ever was an advertising campaign needed for the T20 Mumbai League, Akash Parkar has turned out to be the best brand ambassador. Hitting a last ball six, Parkar, took the Mumbai North East Triumph Knights to victory over Namo Bandra Blasters on Friday evening.

With two overs remaining and the Knights needing 44 to win, the match was all but over and the Blasters looked poised to take down the Knights. Parkar and Vinayak Bhoir had other

plans. The Knights now are at the top of the table and are brimming with a confidence that is going to be difficult to contain. One had to feel for Shreyas Iyer, the league's leading run scorer, who scored a sublime 72 of just 57 balls for the Blasters.

NORTH MUMBAI PANTHERS		Vs		NAMO BANDRA BLASTERS	
3.30 pm		Vs		7.30 pm	
SOBO SUPERSONICS		Vs		SHIVAJI PARK LIONS	
At Wankhede Stadium					

Parkar has undoubtedly been the star of the tournament so far. An all-rounder, whose Ranji performances were highlighted more with the ball, he has shown

that he is a genuine all-rounder and can play all formats of the game with confidence. IPL owners will feel they have missed out on picking the Mumbai lad who has been lethal with the bat. The day's second match between the Shivaji Park Lions and Arcs Andheri didn't quite produce the same fireworks as the Lions cruised to a six-wicket win chasing a modest 150. Sagar Trivedi's three for 34 restricted the Arcs who never got in to any rhythm with the bat. Sunday's matches are going to determine the final four teams that go in to the playoffs. More importantly, the results will determine the order of the top four. PMG

# Spurs need to retain players if they want to win trophies, says Keane

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**Bhubaneswar:** ATK gave a vastly improved performance to seal their spot in the main round of the Super Cup with a convincing 4-1 win over Chennai City FC here on Friday. Shortly afterward, their player-manager Robbie Keane shared his views with TOI on various issues, ranging from his experiences in India to ATK's chances in the Super Cup and his former club Tottenham Hotspur... Excerpts:

- **What went wrong for ATK?** We weren't good enough. When you finish ninth in the league, you clearly are not good enough. I can't tell you why because I wasn't here the previous years.
- **You had played for various clubs in different countries but Tottenham Hotspur is probably where you had**



**your best years. What made your time at the club so special?** Everything, the club itself, the people around. I have unbelievable memories of our League Cup win over Chelsea (2007-08). Playing at the White Hart Lane in front of the fans was fantastic. And I am very lucky that they always welcome me with open arms whenever I go back.- **Spurs crashed out of the Champions League in the pre-quarters. Where do you think are they falling short?** They have a top team but teams ahead of them are doing that just little bit better. I hope Spurs will keep all the players together, add to the squad and maybe win some trophies. It would be nice if they win a trophy this year. A win in a Cup will give them a little bit of momentum going forward. I would like to see them doing that. Once they win a trophy, hopefully it will have a snowball effect.



SNAPSHOTS

Poland pips India to host U-20 World Cup

India's bid to host the next U-20 FIFA World Cup ended in disappointment as world football governing body FIFA accorded the status to Poland. The European nation will host the next edition of the tournament in 2019. This was decided at the FIFA council meeting in Bogota, Colombia. Poland received nine votes as against India's five. After successfully hosting the under-17 World Cup last year, India bid for hosting the 2019 Fifa under-20 World Cup.

**Aditi makes cut, lies T-39:** Aditi Ashok carded even par 72 to slip from overnight T-17 to T-39 after the second round of the LPGA Founders Cup in Phoenix. At two-under 142 with rounds of 70-72, she is now seven shots behind the leader, Cydney Clanton (68-67). Aditi opened with a bogey but quickly made up with three birdies in next six holes. She was two-under through 11, before a bogey on 12th and then a closing one on 18th saw her fall back to even par. Meanwhile, Cydney Clanton holed out for eagle on the 13th hole and then made birdie on 18th to close in sole possession of the 36-hole lead at nine-under 135.

**Pressure to perform too high at times, says Mary Kom:** Olympics bronze medalist M.C. Mary Kom said on Saturday that sometimes, she becomes worried about her performance and people's reaction if she does not win a medal for the country. "Sometimes, I feel a lot of pressure regarding what if my performance goes down? How will I handle it? If I do not get a medal for the country, what will people think about me? I get stressed at times, thinking all this," Mary Kom said.

**Durant out for two weeks:** Defending champion Golden State saw Kevin Durant sidelined for two weeks, Israeli forward Omri Casspi hurt and their bid to overtake Houston for the NBA's best record falter Friday with a 98-93 loss to Sacramento. Buddy Hield came off the Sacramento bench to score 22 points to lead the Kings against a struggling Warriors.

Ankita wins her first singles title of the year

**Gwalior:** Ankita Raina won her first singles title in more than three years when she fought past second seed Amandine Hesse in straight sets in the final of the \$25,000 ITF women's event on Saturday. The fourth seed Indian, who has been in tremendous form in the last few months, beat the Frenchwoman 6-2, 7-5 in the title clash which lasted one hour and 25 minutes. The last time Ankita won a singles title was way back in December 2014, when she had triumphed in the Pune ITF event. It was overall sixth singles career title for Ankita, who has lost nine other finals in the last six years.

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Semis heartbreak for Sindhu

Yamaguchi Defeats Indian To Set Up Final Clash Against Tai Tzu

**Birmingham:** PV Sindhu won 2-1 against Akane Yamaguchi in the semi-final of the All England Badminton Championship in Birmingham on Saturday. Yamaguchi won 18-21, 21-19, 21-18 to set up final date with world No. 1 Tai Tzu Yung.

ALL ENGLAND

Sindhu raced off the blocks and took a 6-0 lead in the opening game only to find Yamaguchi fighting her way back. It got very tight towards the end but Sindhu held her nerves to win the first game.

The Japanese girl was desperate to stretch the match to the third game and she started taking control of the second. Sindhu was tenacious enough to hang in but luck ran out on her with the score reading 20-19 in Yamaguchi's favour. The Japanese got a net chord that helped her win the game.

In the other semifinal, Tai Tzu Ying's victory over Chen Yufei ensured that China cannot regain the title in a women's singles event it once



SO CLOSE YET SO FAR: PV Sindhu faltered at the crunch against Yamaguchi

used to dominate.

The top-seeded defending All-England champion from Taiwan won 21-15, 20-22, 21-3 against the eighth-seeded Chen Yufei, a 20-year-old former world junior champion, recovering from a temporary loss of concentration in the second game and re-asserting her reputation as the world's most skilful female player.

Prannoy shown the door

Indian men's singles shuttler HS Prannoy lost in the quarterfinals to Chinese Huang Yuxiang, who is on a

giant-killing spree in the All England Open BWF World Tour Super 1000 here. World No.16 Prannoy suffered a 20-22, 21-16, 23-21 defeat in an hour and 17 minutes to No.42 Yuxiang on Friday night.

"I tried everything which I had in my armoury last night but could not finish it off and fell short of my first ever @YonexAllEngland semifinals. Disappointed but I am happy that I am back after the break! Thanks to everyone back home for such a great support!!," Prannoy wrote on Twitter after

National coaches not part of CWG squad

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**New Delhi:** The Indian boxing's chief national coaches have been dropped from the squad for the Gold Coast Commonwealth Games on the pretext that they couldn't make any difference to the fortunes of the country's pugilists at the CWG.

This would be the first instance when chief coaches would not be travelling with the team to a multi-sport event. The men's team is coached by SR Singh while the women's team is training under Shiv Singh.

BOXING

On earlier occasions, the Indian boxing contingent always had the calming presence of former chief coach Gurbax Singh Sandhu at the CWG, Asian Games or Olympics. However, the 18-month old Boxing Federation of India (BFI), headed by Ajay Singh, has decided to break the tradition.

Now, the 21-member boxing contingent – comprising of 12 boxers, five coaches, two physios and a video analyst – will have two foreign coaches – men's high performance director Santiago Nieva from Sweden and women's high performance manager Raffaele Bergamasco from Italy – at the ringside corners during the CWG bouts.

Five-time world champion Mary Kom's personal coach, Chhote Lal

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Yadav, and two assistant coaches form the remaining part of the coaching staff.

In a token gesture, both SR Singh and Shiv Singh will be allowed to travel with the contingent for a training stint at the Australian Institute of Sports in Canberra before they return back home.

This decision has led to resentment among other Indian coaches.

BFI chief Singh defended the decision by saying that it was taken in the best interest of the Indian boxing. "Our objective is to achieve the maximum number of medals at the Games. Everything has been decided keeping the contingent size in mind. We believe that the foreign coaches would be able to do the job," he told TOI. However, some members of contingent disagreed with the decision. Pinki Jangra, who will be competing in the 51kg category, said, "It would have been better to have Shiv sir around. He has been training us for more than a year and there's a certain comfort level that we share with him."

Injured Maria opts out of Miami Open

**Miami:** Maria Sharapova has withdrawn from next week's Miami Open after suffering an injury to her left forearm, organisers announced on Friday.

The five-time Grand Slam champion has been replaced in the main draw for the Florida showpiece by American Jennifer Brady, a statement said.

"I am really sorry that I have to withdraw from one of my favorite tournaments with my left forearm injury," said Sharapova.

"I am doing everything possible to return to the tour as soon as possible."

Sharapova's withdrawal comes after a disappointing early exit at Indian Wells in California this week, where she lost her opening match against rising Japanese star Naomi Osaka.

That defeat prompted a split with coach Sven Groeneveld, who was axed on Thursday after four years of working with the Russian star.

Sharapova, 30, is continuing to search for consistent performances as she works her way back from a 15-month drugs ban.

Her loss on Wednesday came after she withdrew from the Dubai tournament last month, also because of her forearm injury.

Raonic runs into Delpo in last 4

**Indian Wells:** Milos Raonic, coming off an injury-riddled 2017, booked a semi-final clash with comeback king Juan Martin Del Potro at the ATP Tour's Indian Wells Masters.

The 27-year-old Raonic defeated American Sam Querrey 7-5, 2-6, 6-3 on Friday to pick up just his fourth match win of the season and is seeking to capture his ninth career ATP Tour title.

INDIAN WELLS

He'll be up against the eighth-ranked player in the world in Argentina's Del Potro, who beat German Philipp Kohlschreiber 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 in the day's other quarter-final.

"I am very happy I was able to put it together today," Raonic said. "I'm in the semis. I am happy with that. I know I can play better."

Raonic lost in the final of this event in 2016 and has now made it to the semi-finals in his last three appearances.

Raonic didn't play in Indian Wells last year because of a string of injuries and surgeries that decimated his season. "It's been a catastrophe," he said of the time off due to injuries.

The list of things that have put him in the infirmary in the past year is lengthy and



DONE IT! Milos Raonic celebrates after his win on Friday

might have sent another person into permanent retirement.

"Let's go down the list. Right adductor; left glut at the beginning of the year. Then I tore my hamstring at the beginning of February.

"After Wimbledon I had to have wrist surgery. Through the summer I tried to play a few events, tried to treat the issue. That wasn't possible.

"I had surgery just before the US Open. And then in November I hurt my knee."

Del Potro can certainly sympathize with Raonic. For Del Potro, reaching the semis is another feather in the cap of his comeback from injuries as he is back in the top 10 for the first time since 2014.

Osaka ousts Halep to set up title clash with Kasatkina

**Indian Wells:** Japanese dynamo Naomi Osaka punched her ticket to the Indian Wells final on Friday, routing world No.1 Simona Halep to set up a title clash with rising star Daria Kasatkina.

World No. 44 Osaka stormed past the top seeded Halep in stunning fashion with a 6-3, 6-0 win, while Russian juggernaut Kasatkina wore down the 37-year-old seven-time Grand Slam winner Venus Williams in three sets 4-6, 6-4, 7-5.

The 26-year-old former champion Halep dropped to 18-2 on the season as she lasted just 64 minutes on the court with Osaka.

"I just was not ready. I missed the ball a lot and I didn't play what I had to play," Halep said. "I don't find excuses. She was better. I just was not ready and played wrong."

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ATK PLAYER-COACH ROBBIE KEANE SAYS  
TEAM WASN'T GOOD ENOUGH IN ISL | 24



**HOSTBUSTERS:** The Chennaiyin FC team are a picture of joy as they receive the silverware from the ISL's founder and chairperson Nita Ambani. It is the second time Chennaiyin beat the host team to lift the coveted title

# Chennaiyin conquer fortress Bengaluru

Visitors Storm To  
Second Title After  
Absorbing 3-2 Win  
Over Favourites

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**Bengaluru:** Bengaluru FC were denied their date with history by John Gregory and his resilient band of warriors as Chennaiyin FC sealed a 3-2 win to secure their second Indian Super League title in four years at the Sree Kanteerava Stadium here on Saturday.

Brazilian Mailson Alves — whose early gaffe helped Sunil Chhetri hand the hosts the advantage — came back in style to score a brilliant double and compatriot Raphael Augusto's inch-perfect finish in the second half ended Bengaluru's 15-match unbeaten run across all competitions in front of their 25,000-odd fans at their 'Fortress'. It was a cold, brutal jolt.

Both of Alves' goals were an exquisite display of one of Chennaiyin's biggest strengths this season — set-pieces. Gregory, on match eve, had predicted the game would be decided on set-pieces and his boys stayed true to his words.

Nine minutes into the game, however, Chennaiyin were reeling. Bengaluru linchpin Miku had set Udanta Singh free on the right and the crafty winger made room to cross the ball into the box.

His effort took a deflection of Alves' foot but still made its way across the face of the goal to Chhetri at the far post, who had all the time in the world to bend and plant his header into the back of the Chennaiyin nets.

Chennaiyin pushed with urgency along the wings and Alves got his redemption in the 17th minute. The visitors, who enjoy the highest number of successful set-piece conversions in the league, unleashed yet another classic — Alves leaping high to guide Gregory Nelson's swinging corner off the Bengaluru upright for the equalizer. Bengaluru, playing a three-man defence to make up for suspended left-back Subhasish Bose, struggled to breach Chennai's compact and effective midfield marshalled by Dhanpal Ganesh and Bikramjit Singh. Dimas Delgado was briefly successful when a haphazard Chennaiyin clearance fell perfectly for him, but his goal-bound half volley was headed off the line by Spaniard Inigo Calderon.

But at the stroke of half-time, Chennaiyin edged ahead from another Nelson-Alves masterpiece — the Dutchman whipping in a swinging corner and Alves, yet again, rising above his markers



**WINNERS' CLUB:** Chennaiyin co-owners Vita Dani and Abhishek Bachchan hold the ISL trophy as the league's founder and chairperson Nita Ambani (L) applauds. (Below) Mailson Alves celebrates Chennaiyin FC's victory with wife



for his second header past goalkeeper Gurpreet Singh Sandhu.

Bengaluru began the second half with gusto but Chennaiyin clearly had the measure of their neighbours. Udanta briefly had the crowd in raptures but

his 52nd minute conversion was ruled offside. As the hosts pushed, Chennaiyin struck the death blow.

Jeje Lalpekhlua broke through the Bengaluru offside trap on Nelson's excellent through ball and the India striker turned past defenders John Johnson and Juanan Gonzales to set up Augusto. The Brazilian, in the finest of attempts, curled the ball around Juanan and past Gurpreet into the far bottom corner in the 67th minute.

Known for their fightback, Bengaluru battled ahead, with Chhetri and Udanta coming agonizingly close to bringing the hosts back into the game. Miku converted Udanta's 90th minute cross to raise hopes of a comeback win. But as chants of 'we can do it' reverberated around the Kanteerava, Chennaiyin held their composure to eke out a memorable victory.

**Result: Bengaluru FC 2** (Sunil Chhetri 9, Miku 90) lost to **Chennaiyin FC 3** (Mailson Alves 17, 45, Raphael Augusto 67).

MATCH STATS		
BFC		CHENNAI
8	Corners	5
13	Total Shots	7
5	On Target	5
15	Fouls	6
2	Yellow Cards	1
0	Red Cards	0
1	Offsides	4
50	Possession	50

## War of Blues lights up Kanteerava

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**Bengaluru:** Two of Indian Super League's frenetic fan groups — West Block Blues and B-Stand Blues — created a rambunctious atmosphere at the packed Sree Kanteerava Stadium on Saturday night in what was a fitting finale to the league's here in Bengaluru.

### MOOD SWINGS

The chanting terraces of the West Block stand, the passionate supporters of Bengaluru FC, to the East Block on the opposite end — which the travelling B-Stand fans had made their own — were awash in blue as the noise inside the 25,000-capacity stadium was deafening.

Fans left no stone untur-



Bengaluru fans once again made their presence felt on Saturday

ned in the run-up to the mega showdown between the South Indian clubs. Banners were planned

and chants were practised while Whatsapp football groups kept buzzing over who would ultimately win bthe ragging rights.

Hours before kick-off, a mini carnival unfolded outside the Kanteerava.

Cheering Bengaluru fans — faces painted in their club colours — waved flags and scarves, sang chants and made merry.

Chennaiyin supporters, who had arrived in packed buses overnight to support their 'Marina Machans', joined in on the chanting wars to give their Bengaluru counterparts a tough fight.

Matchday buzz was not limited to the 'Fortress' alone as Bengaluru fans the world over, in cities such as London, New York and Dusseldorf got together to arrange scree-

nings at their local pubs. Current and former stars across sporting disciplines poured in their wishes for both teams on Twitter as the match hogged eyeballs across social networking sites.

The West Block, renowned for their unique banners and tifos, didn't disappoint again. Strict rules limited the size of the banners for the final, but that didn't deter the home fans from unfurling a massive 8,000-square foot tifo of the Grim Reaper superimposed on the iconic *Gandeberunda*, a two-headed mythological bird that also doubles up as the Blues' club insignia.

On a night when their heroes battled on the ground in pursuit of glory, the fans played their role to perfection in what was a perfect spectacle for football.



# THE DREAM TEAM

With ISL-4 Winding up, Here's Our All-Star XI From The Tournament



**GURPREET SINGH SANDHU**  
Usually the first name on any team-sheet, Gurpreet Singh Sandhu has lived up to his top billing since returning home from Europe.

## HOW THEY LINE UP (4-2-3-1)



**Goalkeeper:** Gurpreet Singh Sandhu (Bengaluru FC)

**Right-back:** Inigo Calderon (Chennaiyin FC);  
**Centre-backs:** Mailson Alves (Chennaiyin FC), Gurtej Singh (FC Pune City);  
**Left-back:** Lalruatthara (Kerala Blasters FC).

**Midfielders:** Marcos Tebar (FC Pune City), Dhanpal Ganesh (Chennaiyin FC)

**Left-winger:** Sunil Chhetri (Bengaluru FC), **Right-winger:** Udanta Singh (Bengaluru FC), **Playmaker:** Manuel Lanzarote (FC Goa)

**Forward:** Ferran Corominas (FC Goa)

**INIGO CALDERON**  
Quite unusual for a foreign player to be used at right-back but Inigo Calderon's terrific show has proved everyone wrong, except Chennaiyin FC coach John Gregory.

**MAILSON ALVES**  
Chennaiyin FC's defensive rock, Mailson Alves formed a solid partnership with Henrique Sereno at the back. But unlike his captain, the Brazilian fouls less and scores more.

**GURTEJ SINGH**  
FC Pune City helped Gurtej Singh resurrect his career this season. The centre-back has been reliable and consistent, outshining those in the *crorepati* club.

**LALRUATTHARA**  
Not a name you must have

heard of at the start, but his surging runs down the flank as well as his solidity at the back make Lalruatthara an easy choice

**MARCOS TEBAR**  
Pune made it to the semifinals for the first time, and while the attackers got all the plaudits, it was Marcos Tebar's effectiveness in midfield that made them such a feared team.

**DHANPAL GANESH**  
Dhanpal Ganesh wasn't even included in the team for the opener but the Chennaiyin FC coach was soon to realise his mistake. He was drafted into the starting eleven for the next game and hasn't been substituted since!

**SUNIL CHHETRI**  
What do we say about this man? The Bengaluru skipper

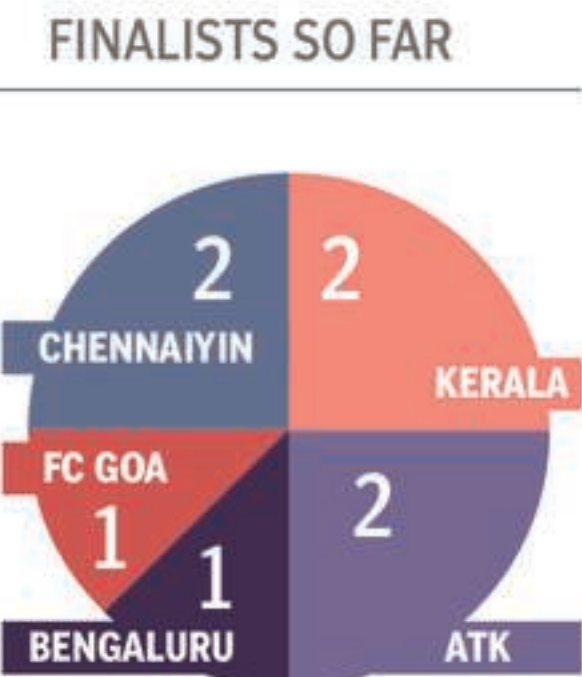
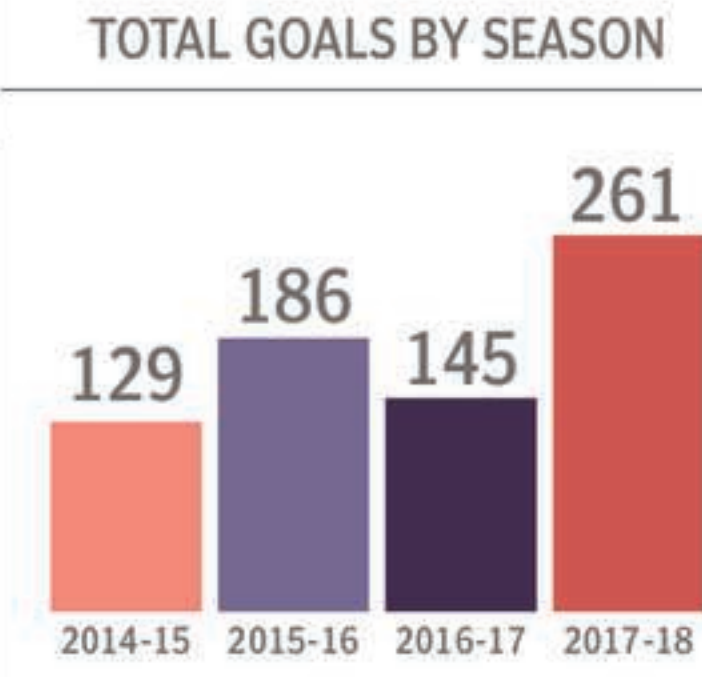
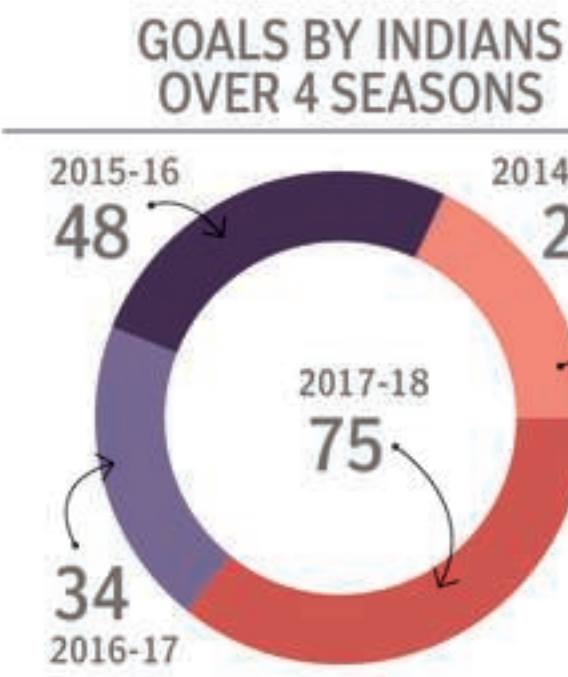
simply keeps getting better with every season.

**UDANTA SINGH**  
Doesn't have as many goals as he or his team would have liked but Udanta Singh can be a terror on the right flank. If there are any doubts, ask those who were assigned to mark him.

**FERRAN COROMINAS**  
With 18 goals to his name and two hat-tricks, no wonder everyone is now chasing Golden Boot winner Coro.



**MANUEL LANZAROTE**  
His partnership with Coro remains the highlight of this season. 13 goals and six assists make him the best No 10 in the ISL.



## THE STATS THAT MATTER

**SUNIL CHHETRI**

His hat-trick against FC Pune City made him the first player to score a hat-trick in the playoffs.

**64**  
Number of shots Chhetri has taken this season, excluding the title clash.

His 21 goals in ISL are the 2nd most by an Indian player in the ISL just 1 goal behind the all-time Indian top scorer Jeje Lalpekhlua, despite playing a season less than him.

Sunil Chhetri has scored 14 goals this season, most by an Indian player in an ISL season. He is also 3rd on the all-time goal scorers list behind Iain Hume (28) goals and Jeje Lalpekhlua (22).

He also became the first Indian to score two ISL hat-tricks, after netting one for Mumbai City FC in ISL 2015 as well.

**What can I say about him (Chhetri)? He's an outstanding player. There are no words to define him.**  
Albert Roca | BENGALURU FC COACH

**STREAK SHOW**

- Delhi and NorthEast United had the unflattering stat of suffering the longest losing streak this season, with each side getting beaten in six successive games
- Three teams — NorthEast United, Delhi Dynamos and ATK — went through an 8-match winless streak
- Bengaluru boasted the longest unbeaten streak of 10 games. If you add the AFC Cup games, Bengaluru have gone 15 games without losing. Their last loss was against Delhi on Jan 14

**NZONE**

**18** No of goals Coro has scored this season, the most by a player in an ISL season

**3** No. of hat-tricks scored by Iain Hume. He became the first player to score that many hattricks

**22.6** No. of seconds Jamshedpur FC's Jerry Mawihmingthanga took to score against Kerala Blasters, the fastest goal in ISL history

**43** No. of goals FC Goa have scored this season, the most by a team in any given season

**YOU'RE FIRED!**

No football season is complete without a coach or two paying the ultimate price for his team's struggles. As it turned out, the ISL's fourth season saw the axe fall on three tacticians

**RENE MEULENSTEEN (Kerala Blasters):** The former assistant Man United coach was sacked at the start of the year with Blasters managing a solitary win from seven matches under his watch.

**JOAO CARLOS DE DEUS (NorthEast Utd):** The Portuguese was treading on thin ice as his side languished in 9th spot after 7 games with just a win and 2 goals to show.

**TEDDY SHERINGHAM (ATK):** The former Man United star just couldn't get the defending champions going and with just 3 wins from 10 games, he was relieved of his duties.